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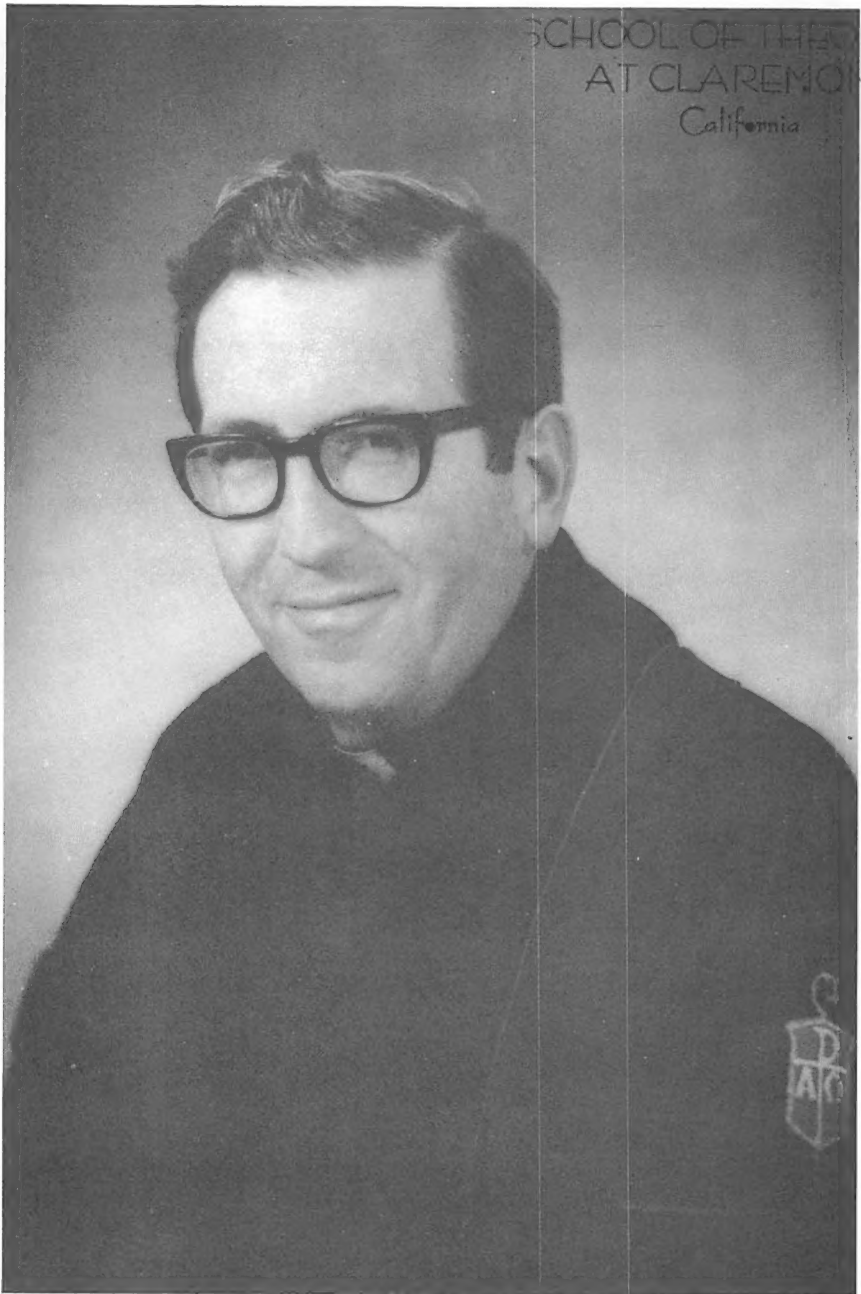
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3. **Christian Outreach:** Donald Hartman*(c), Max Cramer, Aleen Fison*, Donald Bolton*, Betty DeVore*, Alma Hartman*, Julie Isaac*, Ruth Pope-Joy*, Robert Smay*, Dennis Steffy*, Marion Stephens*, John Picton*, Grace Wilson*, Robert Bowers, Keith Wise, Jean Stassel*.
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Thomas Whitehead, Mission Superintendent, Roland Stanton*, Ruth Popejoy*, Nancy Matthews*, Winnie Snodgrass*.

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5. **United Campus Ministry, Inc.:** Superintendent, Howard DeVore, John Turner*, Larry Bennett*, James Howard*.
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7. **Birchwood Camp, Inc.:** John Eaton*, (c); Richard Morrison (v-c); Marvis Nelson, Sec.; Eugene Groves, Treas.; Don Judd*, Sam Lindblad*, Boone White.

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Secretary, Program Resources: Miss DeEtte Goff, 9290 Lake Otis Pkwy., Anchorage 99507.

IV. ROLL CALL

(Those in attendance at Annual Meeting of the Missionary Conference)

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Mrs. Marjorie Wooster, Anchorage-East Anchorage
Mr. David Rosen, Anchorage-First
Mr. Robert Smay, Anchorage-St. John
Mrs. Anita Forbes, Anchorage-Tri-Anchor (Jewel Lake)
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Reardon, Anchorage-Tri-Anchor (Turnagain)
Mrs. Natalie Brooks, Chugiak
Miss Bea Shepard, Douglas
Mr. Amos (Joe) Alter, Fairbanks
Mrs. Bernadine Mutch, Homer Parish
Mrs. Marilyn Deming, Juneau
Mrs. Carolyn Nicholas, Kenai-Church of the New Covenant
Mrs. Marian Jensen, Ketchikan
Miss Sherry Lewis, Nome
Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, Seward
Mr. John Mason, Sitka
Mr. Dennis Steffy, Soldotna-North Kenai
Mrs. Jean Stassel, United Methodist Women
Mr. Jack Townsend, Conference Lay Leader

B. PASTORS

Robert Bowers, Anchorage-Anchor Park
John Tindell, Anchorage-East Anchorage
Boone White, Anchorage-First
David Fison, Anchorage-St. John
Thomas Whitehead, Anchorage-Tri-Anchor (Turnagain)
Thomas Handley, Anchorage-Tri-Anchor (Trinity Presbyterian)
Richard Morrison, Anchorage-Tri-Anchor (Jewel Lake)
Eugene Groves, Chugiak
Howard DeVore, Fairbanks
Keith Wise, Homer Parish
John J. Shaffer, Juneau-Douglas
Bruce Bartel, Kenai-Church of the New Covenant
James Fellers, Ketchikan
Walter Hays, Jr., Nome
Owen Beadles, Seward
Donald Hartman, Sitka
August Aamodt, Soldotna-North Star
Ac Wischmeier, Superintendent of the Mission Conference

C. DELEGATES FROM AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

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Mary Johnson, Alaska Children's Services
Richard Gay, Alaska Methodist University
John Picton, Alaska Methodist University
Donald Denning, Maynard-McDougal Memorial Hospital
William Trudeau, Nome Community Center, Inc.
Barbara Oleson, Community Center, Inc.
Dr. Robert Nelson, United Campus Ministry
Jim Howard, United Campus Ministry
Mildred Pelch, Wesleyan Nursing Home
Galen Albertson, Wesleyan Nursing Home

D. GUESTS OF THE CONFERENCE

Rev. and Mrs. Owen Beadles, Retired member, Pacific-Northwest Conference. Parents of Mrs. Jack Tuell.
Bishop and Mrs. Jack Tuell, Portland Area, United Methodist Church
Dr. Randolph Nugent, Associate General Secretary, Board of Global Ministries, National Division
Mrs. Golda Wischmeier, mother of Superintendent Ac Wischmeier
Mrs. Irene Wischmeier, wife of Superintendent Ac Wischmeier
The Reverend Edmund Warne, Department of Finance and Field Service, National Division, Board of Global Ministries



Guest of the Conference, Ed Warne, addresses the delegates concerning Stewardship.



Bishop Jack M. Tuell presides at his first Annual Conference

V. DAILY JOURNAL OF THE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1973

The Second Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference, which represents the sixty-ninth anniversary of organized Methodism in Alaska, began with the registration of lay delegates and pastors on Thursday morning, May 31st, 1973, at 9:00 a.m. The morning was spent in program orientation for the lay persons. The first business session was convened by Bishop Jack Tuell at 1:30 p.m. in Brown Chapel of Alaska Methodist University.

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

After the call to order by Bishop Tuell, the traditional opening hymn for United Methodist Conferences was sung, "And Are We Yet Alive." The Bishop gave the opening invocation and extended his greetings to the Conference.

The Secretary, Robert Bowers, presented two procedural motions which were approved by the Conference:

- (1) The order of the day for each day of Conference shall be the order as printed in the Pre-conference Handbook.
- (2) The Bar of the Conference shall be the center section of the auditorium.

GREETINGS, INTRODUCTIONS, AND OTHER SPECIAL MATTERS

Ac Wischmeier, Conference Superintendent, presented John Picton, President of Alaska Methodist University, who brought his own personal greetings and those of the university to the Conference.

The COURTESY Committee (William Trudeau, Chairperson; Bernadine Mutch, and John Mason) and the APPRECIATION Committee (Donald Hartman, Chairperson; Marge Wooster, and Robert Smay) were appointed by Mr. Wischmeier.

The Courtesy Committee presented corsages to Mrs. Jack Tuell, wife of the Bishop, and Mrs. Ac Wischmeier, wife of the Superintendent.

Bonnie Steenrod, Secretary in the Conference Office, was introduced.

Thomas Handley, Pastor of Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, one of the churches in the Tri-Anchor Parish, was introduced.

Walter Hays presented a walrus ivory and baleen letter opener to Bishop Tuell as a gift from the Conference.

Ac Wischmeier made the following introductions:

The Rev. and Mrs. Owen Beadles—interim pastor at Seward, a member of the Pacific-Northwest Conference for 50 years, and parents-in-law of Bishop Tuell.

Dr. Randolph Nugent, Associate General Secretary of the Board of Global Ministries, National Division, of New York City.

The Rev. Ed Warne, Department of Finance and Field Service of the Board of Global Ministries, National Division, of New York City.

The Rev. and Mrs. Augie Aamodt, new pastor and wife of Soldotna-North Star.

Kathie Whitehead and Carl Hartman, youth delegates from Anchorage and Sitka respectively.

Mr. Beadles brought the greetings of Bishop Wilbur Choy of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference.

Mr. Wischmeier brought greetings to the Conference from the two bishops of the Philippine Annual Conference whom he met recently while on a tour.

The Conference directed the Secretary to send greetings to Mrs. A. Raymond Grant, Mrs. Everett W. Palmer, Dr. and Mrs. Meredith Groves, and Bishop and Mrs. W. Maynard Sparks.

It was noted that a letter had been received from Thomas Lenhart, student at Garrett Theological Seminary, who will be received on trial at the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference in Spokane next week, and who was recommended by this Conference last year to enter ministerial training.

It was moved by Thomas Whitehead, seconded by Richard Morrison, that Thomas Handley be given the full privileges of the Conference, voice and vote. Bishop Tuell deferred action upon the motion pending his examination of the Discipline. He permitted Mr. Handley voice without vote until the matter is cleared and handled properly.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ac Wischmeier presented his own report, which was his comment upon the year's work in the Conference. It was received with thanksgiving by the Conference and by Bishop Tuell. It may be found on pp. 60-66 of this journal.

Mrs. Golda Wischmeier, the Superintendent's mother, was introduced.

Bishop Tuell ruled on the motion of Thomas Whitehead concerning the seating of Thomas Handley as a full member of Conference. The Bishop ruled that, according to Par. 376.6 of the 1972 Discipline, Mr. Handley can be seated as an Associate Member of the Conference with full privileges of voice and vote if the Board of Ministry so recommends. The matter was referred to them for action.

Ac Wischmeier introduced Keith and Patricia Wise, Dick and Diane Morrison, and Boone and Nancy White, all of whom have come to serve in Alaska since last Conference.

Alaska State Commissioner of Health and Social Services, Dr. Fred McGinnis, was introduced.

PROGRAM COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Gilbert, who led a year-long process of evaluation and goal setting for the Program Council, made some remarks relative to the Conference consideration of the over all goal and sub-goals as presented in the Pre-Conference Handbook by the Program Council.

John Tindell gave a sight and sound presentation concerning a recommended evangelism form, the Euriskon.

Howard DeVore talked concerning the new "Our Living Bible Series" for adult education, scheduled to be marketed to churches in September.

Jean Stassel, President of United Methodist Women, talked of work done in that organization this year as the transition was made from the Women's Society to the United Methodist Women's organization.

Howard DeVore completed the Program Council Report by an excellent slide survey of the impact of the Advance Program upon Alaska and the world. As part of the 25th Anniversary observance of the founding of the Advance for Christ, the Conference was led in a meaningful litany.

The Conference was in recess for 15 minutes.

When the session resumed the hymn, "Come Let Us Tune Our Loftiest Song" was sung.

WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Boone White, Chairperson of World Service and Finance for the Conference presented the report of the Commission for the consideration of the Conference.

RULES ADOPTED

John Shaffer, Chairperson of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, called attention to the rules as printed in the Pre-Conference Handbook and moved their adoption. It was done.

REQUEST FOR RULING ON AFFILIATE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

John Shaffer requested a ruling from Bishop Tuell concerning the status of affiliate and associate members of local churches. The request dealt with the general question of whether such persons can be members of policy making bodies of the local church. Earlier in this Conference year the Superintendent had given his opinion that affiliate and associate members of local

United Methodist Churches could not be members of policy making bodies in local churches according to the Discipline. Bishop Tuell read his own ruling which supported the ruling of the Superintendent.

John Shaffer moved that the Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference appeal the ruling of the Bishop to the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church. After considerable discussion, Richard Morrison moved the previous question which was supported. The vote was taken and John Shaffer's motion carried with over the one-fifth margin necessary according to Par. 1511 of the 1972 Discipline and the matter is referred to the Judicial Council.

FINAL MATTERS OF THURSDAY'S SESSION

James Fellers introduced Bruce Botelho of Ketchikan, former assistant pastor of the Ketchikan Church. He moved that Mr. Botelho be given voice without vote at this session of Conference. It was approved.

Howard DeVore requested Bishop Tuell to rule on the question of whether members of the Alaska Missionary Conference Annual Conference must be members of a local United Methodist Church. The ruling was deferred.

Announcements were made and the session adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. the Conference gathered in Brown Chapel for the sacrament of Holy Communion and Annual Memorial Service. Richard Morrison, Thomas Whitehead, Ac Wischmeier, and Bishop Tuell led the new order for Holy Communion. The Secretary of the Conference read the roll of the deceased members of the Alaska United Methodist Churches and the roll of deceased bishops of the United Methodist Church (printed elsewhere in the Journal). The sermon was given by the Rev. Dr. Nugent, head of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

Following the worship service a reception was held at the Mission House for Bishop and Mrs. Tuell, Mr. Nugent, and other guests of the Conference.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1973

At 8:30 a.m. the Conference was assembled for worship led by Bishop Tuell with the message given by Mr. Nugent.

At 9:30 a.m. a business session was convened by Bishop Tuell. The Conference members sang, "When Morning Guilds the Skies".

Thomas Whitehead introduced Mr. Brian Munson, candidate for the ministry from the Oregon Conference and a student at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado.

INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS GIVEN

Donald Denning, Administrator of the Maynard-McDougal Memorial Hospital in Nome, presented the report of the Hospital.

The written report of the Wesleyan Nursing Home, Inc. of Seward was introduced.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Ac Wischmeier asked that the report of the United Campus Ministry of Fairbanks be presented after the break during the Saturday morning session. Granted.

Ac Wischmeier asked that the order of the day for Friday evening include the election of a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Christian Outreach Commission to replace Dr. Robert Terry and The Rev. Gary Lueck, both of whom have left the state. His request was granted.

Ac Wischmeier moved that the afternoon session begin at 1:45 p.m. rather than at 2:00 p.m. as originally scheduled. Approved.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SESSIONS

The remainder of the day was devoted to meetings of the Legislative Committees of the Conference as they considered legislative proposals in the Pre-Conference Handbook. At noon the Minister's Wives Luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn and the wives later met at the Mission House with Bishop Tuell.



Dr. Randolph Nugent, Head of the National Division, addresses the Annual Banquet.

ANNUAL BANQUET HELD

In the evening the Annual Banquet of the Alaska Missionary Conference was held in the student dining room of the University at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Nugent was the guest speaker.

EVENING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

The evening session was brought to order by the singing of "Amazing Grace."

Ed Warne of the Finance and Field Service office of the National Division gave a presentation concerning possibilities for his proposed stewardship itineration in the Fall of 1973.

On the request of John Shaffer, Max Cramer, pastor to be assigned to Seward-Moose Pass, was nominated to membership in the General Commission on Christian Outreach.

The members of the General Commission on Christian Outreach picked Donald Hartman as Chairperson and Dennis Steffy as Vice-Chairperson to replace Dr. Robert Terry and Rev. Gary Lueck, respectively.

William Trudeau, Director of the Nome Community Center, Inc. gave his report. He described the shape of the work to be done in 1973-74 with regard to the total United Methodist effort in Nome.

Thomas Whitehead made an announcement concerning Annual Pastor's and Wives Retreat.

After adjournment the Conference members, wives, and friends met for informal fellowship at the home of Boone and Nancy White. This time was also a going away reception for Walt and Lydia Hayes who are completing 10 years of Alaskan service with this Conference and will soon move to Hawaii.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1973

The Conference assembled at 8:30 a.m. for worship led by Bishop Tuell. Mr. Nugent addressed the Conference for the last time.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN NURTURE

At 9:00 a.m. Bishop Tuell led the Conference in singing "Come Thou Almighty King." He gave the invocation.

Ac Wischmeier brought greetings to the Conference from Mrs. Florence Palmer, widow of Bishop Everett W. Palmer, former Bishop of the Portland Area.

Joe Alter, Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Christian Nurture, presented the report of that Committee for Conference consideration and action.

The Chairperson moved that, on Page 83 of the Pre-Conference Handbook (Hereinafter page numbers will refer to the Pre-Conference Handbook, unless otherwise indicated) under Goal No. 1, a printing error be corrected by substituting the letter "e" for the second "d". The goal was accepted as amended.

The following changes were recommended in Goal No. 2, p. 83:

- (1) At a. 500 families (instead of 1000) statewide, church-based.
- (2) At d. \$25,000, the major portion of which shall be raised outside of the Alaska Missionary Conference budget (instead of (\$50,000)).

Goal No. 2 was accepted as amended.

"TEN YEARS WORK IN ALASKA ENDS — ON TO HAWAII"



Walt and Lydia Hayes



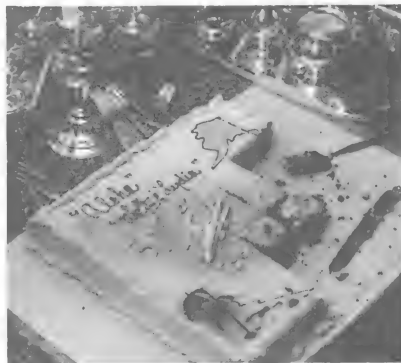
The Bishop and some of his men



Lydia opening the gift



A rare sight indeed!



Aloha

Goal No. 3 was amended to read:

- (1) a. \$20,000 (instead of \$25,000 - 30,000)
- (2) d. \$20,000 (instead of \$25,000)

Goal No. 3 was accepted as ammended.

With the acceptance of Goal No. 3 the quadrennial goals for Christian Nurture were accepted for action by the Conference.

The Education Committee recommendations were adopted with the addition of No. 6: "We recommend that the Nome Community Center, Inc., and the local United Methodist Church investigate an ecumenical camping program."

The Recommendations of the Worship Committee were accepted as presented.

The Audio-Visual and TRAFCO Committee's report was accepted without change.

The recommendations of the Conference Historical Society were accepted with one addition (ADD): "And Institutions" to the heading of the second set of recommendations).

The Board of Ministry report and recommendations were accepted.

The Higher Education Committee's report was adopted with the following changes:

- (1) Second Paragraph: Change to the following wording . . . "We also recommend that we continue to recognize our college students in the local churches through church mailings and with a special Student Day on the last Sunday in December (December 29, 1974), and that we take a Student Day Offering to support United Methodist Student Loan Fund."
- (2) Add: A 5th Paragraph . . . "We recommend that as of December 15, 1973, the balance of cash under the line item for ministry to the Anchorage campuses in the adopted 1973 budget of the Alaska Missionary Conference be designated for United Campus Ministry at the Fairbanks Campus."

Kathie Whitehead made a motion concerning an organization of Anchorage Area United Methodist Youth to coordinate youth work and events in the Anchorage Area. The motion was deferred for more adequate preparation by the youth delegates to Conference and will be re-presented later.

Mr. Alter announced that Richard Morrison was elected Chairperson of the 1974 Legislative Committee on Christian Nurture.

BOARD OF MINISTRY PRESENTATIONS

Walter Hays, Chairperson of the Board of Ministry, made the following recommendations:

(1) He moved that Thomas Handley be accorded Associate Membership in the Conference. It was granted.

(2) He announced that the Board of Ministry had recommended Bruce Botelho and Arthur Knight as candidates for the ministry.

(3) He announced that funds from the Ministerial Education Fund would be allocated as follows:

\$100 to John J. Shaffer for Summer School at Iliff School of Theology.

\$140 to Robert D. Bowers for the Chicago Summer Theological Institute.

\$38 to purchase Thesis Theological Resource cassettes.
\$118 for Pastor's and Wives Retreat credit course.

The Conference voted its thanks to Walter Hays for his work as the first Chairperson of the Conference Board of Ministry, because of the excellent nature of his work in that position.

Walter Hays moved that the Conference send a letter of thanks for the life of Nome resident and past-participant of the Alaska United Methodist Lay person of the year Award, Carrie McClain, who passed away recently. This letter and our expression of sympathy should be sent to Mrs. McClain's daughter.

Bruce Bartel, Chairperson of the Audio-Visual and TRAFCO Committee presented certificates of recognition to Gary Lueck (in absentia) and Radio Station KXRA of Seward and to Donald Hartman and Radio Station KIFW of Sitka for working together to present the weekly TRACO program, "The Word and Music."

With these presentations the Report of the Legislative Committee on Christian Nurture was concluded.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

John Shaffer, Chairperson of the Committee, presented the report for adoption.

The Recommendations of the Lay Activities Board were accepted as printed on p. 55.

The Board of Pension Recommendations on pp. 56-58 were accepted as presented.

The Commission on World Service and Finance Recommendations were presented.

Thomas Whitehead moved that p. 68 be substituted for p. 67. These two pages deal with the apportionment figures for 1974. The former page retains the current system of figuring apportionments. The latter shifts the figuring of apportionments from a combination of local church expense and membership to simply local church expense. It was also requested that the writing of the 1972 Journal on pp. 48-49 relative to the Grade Figure System be substituted for the first part of d. on p. 60; The substitute carried and the current system is retained.

At c. under Specific Recommendations the Legislative Committee suggested that the following be added to the recommendations "In addition, all salaries of ministers and administrators of institutions of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be listed on a separate page of the Journal (broken down as to cash, travel, utilities, others); one column showing amounts paid by the local church, one column showing amounts paid by the Mission Salary Subsidy, and a total in the third column."

The entire report of the Commission on World Service and Finance was accepted as amended.

The Chairperson, John Shaffer, moved that the report of Lay Activities and Temporal Economy be printed in the 1973 Journal. It was ordered.

The Program Council Goals for Lay Activities and Temporal Affairs were considered next. The following amendments were made by the Legislative Committee:

Goal No. 5 b. to Read: "Until June, 1975"

Goal No. 8 Delete Entire Goal

Goal No. 9 c. To Read: "Committee on Equitable Salary"

The list of goals printed on pp. 84-87 were accepted with the amendments.

Eugene Groves, Chairperson of the Hospitalization Insurance Committee, gave his report. After considerable debate on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Affairs that the entire report be accepted, discussion was discontinued by a motion to adjourn for the noon hour by Jack Townshend, and approved by the Conference.

The Conference recessed for Noon.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

The Conference reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with the singing of "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing."

The United Campus Ministry Report was presented by Dr. Robert Nelson and University of Alaska students Connie Richmond, Mark Espe, and Jim Howard. Jim Howard is Student Representative to the Board of United Campus Ministry and a Lay Delegate to the 1973 Conference representing that agency.

Mrs. Fred (Jean) Stassel presented the Report of the Legislative Committee on Christian Outreach.

She moved that the reports for Christian Outreach on pp. 40-44 be included in the 1973 Journal. It was done.

Item h. on p. 60 was amended to read: "It is recommended that the Program Council budget be set at \$8994 for 1974 with the additional \$1000 coming from the Benevolent Reserves."

The Mission Committee recommendations on p. 70 were presented with the following changes:

Add: Items 5-14 to be taken from the 1972 Journal, p. 41.

Add: Recommendation: "A function of Mission of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be to organize and send a work group to Pontagoura, British Honduras for the purpose of completing the building of a school."

The Committee on Evangelism's recommendations were amended:

DELETE: Paragraph No. 1 of the recommendations.

In the Report of the Committee on Ecumenical Affairs change "dictated" to "influenced".

The following changes were made in the Program Council Goals for Christian Outreach for the Quadrennium: (pp. 87-91)

Goal No. 1: c. substitute "photographs" for "plates".

Goal No. 2: Change "conduce" to "conduct".

Add: "To hold at least one Euriskon event conducted by the Alaska teams in as many local churches as request it."

Add: a. after "to Alaska will be": \$1700 . . . \$800 to be provided by the budget of the Program Council and the balance raised from other sources.

Insert: "ecumenical" between "conduct" and "Euriskon" in primary sentence.

Goal No. 3: Delete entire Goal.

Goal No. 4: Add: after "Lay Ministers" . . . "With the approval of the Bishop and the Mission Conference Superintendent."

Goal No. 5: Delete entire goal.

Goal No. 6: Accept as is.

Goal No. 7: Change "reproductive" to "respective".

Goal No. 8: Accept as is.

Goal No. 9: Change at c. Change "program unit" to "churches, institutions, and projects."

Goal No. 10: Add . . . at a. "1973" after "September 30".

Delete . . . "\$200 for possible expenses."

Add . . . f. "that, if possible the committee meeting be held in Anchorage to avoid travel expenses."

Richard Morrison moved to restore the original language of No. 10. a. and d. and that the source of funds would be the Conference Benevolent Reserves. It was approved.

The entire report of the Legislative Committee on Christian Outreach was accepted as amended.

Donald Hartman will be chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Christian Outreach for 1974.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Thomas Whitehead, Chairperson, presented the following changes in the total report of the Legislative Committee on Christian Social Responsibilities:

pp. 48-49: Delete . . . entire section pp. 48-49 and substitute: "For the Statement of Concern and Recommendations, see the 1972 Journal, pp. 28 & 29."

p. 78: Accept the Goal as written.

p. 8-83:

Goal No. 1: Combine c and d. Delete h. Renumber below c. e. after "force" add: "With geographical representation."

Goal No. 2: Substitute: "To secure a volunteer staff member for social issues task force by December 31, 1974."
Delete: a., b., and c.

Goal No. 3: After "Funding" add: "on all governmental levels."
e. Substitute: "governmental" for "federal" and add after "governmental agencies", "The National Division and our churches".
Add: f. The detailed plan will be prepared by the Program Council.

Goal No. 4: Substitute: "Spearhead the establishment of ecumenically based total ministry to pipeline workers, with private and church-related funding."

In addition these recommendations should be added to the list of recommendations substituted for pp. 48-49:

- 1) We recommend that the Conference Fund for Reconciliation monies be appropriated immediately as follows: \$459.65 for the Ketchikan Youth Hostel, and, \$300 to the Ketchikan United Methodist Church for the Human Relations Commission Task Force.
- 2) We have often spoken and acted courageously as individuals and as a church on intense social ills of our day. We are called to do so again as our country finds itself swept up in the throes of a grave crisis in the so-called "Watergate Scandal."

In this period we recognize especially our responsibility for speaking and witnessing openly to this climate that has come to light in Watergate. We see it not simply as a problem of a President and/or a political party, but also the problem of a nation which has tolerated even the most flagrant abuse of power at every social, ecclesiastical, economic, political and business level either through complacency or collaboration.

To those who remain unclear as to the stand of our church in this matter, be it known that we condemn such practices and call upon our brothers and sisters in Christ to join us in confessing ways to speak, witness, and act courageously on the matters of humanness in our practices of business, politics, social outlook, and affluence toward people in the country and around the globe.

David Rosen was elected Chairperson of the Legislative Committee for Christian Social Responsibilities for 1974.

The entire report was adopted as amended by the Committee.

NEW YOUTH COUNCILS ARE CREATED BY THE CONFERENCE

The Youth Delegates to the 1973 Annual Missionary Conference brought back to the floor of Conference their report concerning the formation of a Youth Council. The entire report is printed in the Journal at VI. D. OTHER REPORTS, RULINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ACTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE). The following changes were made in their original report:

ANCHORAGE YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: (Printed on p. 75 of this Journal).

After church in No. 1. Add: "in the Anchorage Area".

3. f. after "one" Add: "United Methodist".

Add. 4: This group will give a self-evaluation of its work to the 1974 Annual Meeting of the Missionary Conference.

ALASKA STATE YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: (Printed on p. 75 of this Journal).

1. After "church" Add "or institution".

4. b. After "delegate-at-large" Add "to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

The proposals were adopted by the Conference as amended.

John Shaffer moved that the Conference by common consent amend the rules for the selection of youth delegates in order to conform with the previous actions. Given.

There was a motion to reconsider the Anchorage Youth Council Report in order to strike 3. e. from the report. The motion to reconsider was voted, but, the proposed change was not accepted.

The Conference recessed briefly.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL AFFAIRS IS CONTINUED

Jack Townsend, Lay Leader of the Conference, addressed the Conference.

The debate concerning the report of the Hospitalization Insurance Committee was resumed where it had been interrupted by the noon adjournment.

John Tindell withdrew his motion which had been to levy a per family assessment for the purpose of defraying maternity costs and thus surmount the difficulty created by lack of maternity benefits in the recommended coverage.

The motion of John Mason to add \$10 to the monthly cost of insurance coverage in order to purchase maternity benefits from the recommended carrier (for which the Tindell motion had been a substitute) was approved by the Conference.

The main motion to accept the recommendation of the Hospitalization Insurance Committee was defeated. The Conference will retain the present carrier, Travelers, Inc.

BASIC SALARY STRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

John Shaffer presented the Basic Salary Structure Committee Recommendations with the following amendments and changes from the Legislative Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Affairs. The report as originally presented may be found on pp. 20-25 of the 1973 Pre Conference Handbook.

P. 20: Change Criteria for a Self-Supporting Church to read:

- a) **Membership**—a minimum of 200 members.
- b) **Financial Standing**—(1) payment of all required apportionments of the Alaska Missionary Conference (2) Self-supporting budget (i.e. payment of all operating expenses and required debt retirement provided by members pledges and giving). (3) Ministerial support . . . Payment of salary at the basic level, car expense, and health insurance and pension as set by the Conference.
- c) **Program**—(1) Adequate funding for programs administered by the Council on Ministries, at a minimum level to be established by the Conference Superintendent annually. (2) 10% of the total church budget, not including debt retirement, be used for mission (including Advanced Specials, Special Offerings, and World Service and Conference Benevolences). (3) An Annual Every Member Visitation program or equivalent financial effort, to adequately underwrite the budget.
- d) **Facilities:** (1) Maintain a parsonage substantially in conformity with the guidelines, and appropriate to the needs of the specific community and church program. (2) Maintain an office substantially in conformity with the guidelines.

The Mission Superintendent will interpret these provisions as his discretion dictates, with the intention that the facilities provided in all communities served by the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church adhere to fair minimum standards.

Churches meeting the above listed criteria will be considered "self-supporting churches, and will be permitted to adopt a salary structure for their minister(s) above the base salary level. On January 1, 1977 all churches not achieving self-supporting status are not permitted to continue a salary structure that is in excess of the base salary level, nor are they required to pay an amount equal to that amount.

P. 22. No. 2. Delete: 5 year outside service consideration.

Delete: "Ordained Elder" and Substitute: "On Trial Relationship."

No. 4. Delete: "two" and the plural from Year(s).

Add: No. 8. The basic salary table from the minority report of David Rosen shall be substituted for the table on pp. 22-23 and shall become a goal for future salary studies:

P. 24: PARSONAGE GUIDELINES, Location: Amend to Read: "not by or in the church. Preferably within walking distance of the church building."

Boone White moved the following amendment to the report of the Basic Salary Study Committee (Now the Committee on Equitable Salaries): "Add No. 9 under BASIC SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS: "The Conference shall appeal to the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries for a block grant to enable the Conference to pay \$100 per service year rate beginning in January 1974; that, failing that, the Mission Superintendent be authorized to reduce the service year amount to \$50 for 1974 only."

Howard DeVore moved to substitute the original wording of Paragraph 2, p. 22 of the BASIC SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFIT items for the proposed amendment. Failed.

Boone White's amendment carried with the addition by common consent of the following words after \$50: "or such figure as is financially feasible."

Bruce Bartel proposed a 10th item for the report: "No person's salary shall be less than that of the previous year." Carried.

Thomas Whitehead moved that the Goal as stated in the amended No. 8, p. 22 become the block grant figure for the Superintendent's negotiations with the National Division. Carried.

The previous question was called for, voted, and the entire report as amended was passed by the Conference.

The Conference voted its appreciation to Jack Townshend and the Committee for their hours of long labor and diligent study in preparing its report.

Richard Gilbert presented a written report of Alaska Children's Services.

Bishop Tuell gave his ruling on a request by Howard DeVore that he rule on whether members of the Conference must be United Methodist local church members. The ruling of the Bishop is printed on p. 68 of this Journal.

Howard DeVore moved that the Conference appeal Bishop Tuell's ruling to the Judicial Council. Carried.

Richard Gilbert moved that the action on the previous motion be deferred until such time as the Program Council has had time to set categories of membership for the Conference.

A motion was made and carried to print the reports of the Christian Nurture General Committee in the 1973 Journal.

Superintendent Ac Wischmeier presented the Nominations Committee Report. James Fellers was nominated to the Program Council from the floor of Conference. The Nominations were approved.

CLOSING ACTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

Donald Hartman, Chairperson of the Appreciation Committee brought the report of the Committee and it was adopted by the Conference. It is printed in the Journal.

Greetings of the Conference were extended to Gary and Pirouska Lueck, Chuck and Doris Horner; Dwight Tevuk, Nome Lay Delegate who is ill; Meredith and Esther Groves on their 50th Wedding Anniversary later this month; Eugene and Carolann Walters, and Ernest and Rachel Jones.

The 1973 Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference was adjourned sine die upon completion of the reading of appointments at the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday morning, June 3rd, at First United Methodist Church, Anchorage. Bishop Tuell closed the Saturday afternoon session with prayer. The evening session was devoted to organization of Conference Commissions.

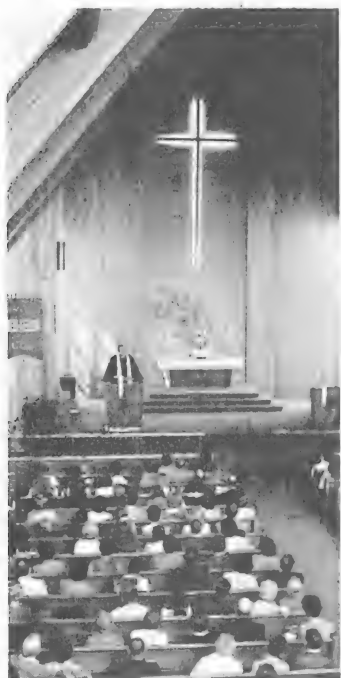
THE FINAL ACTION OF THE CONFERENCE: WORSHIP



The Congregation



**The Massed Choir from
Anchorage Churches**



**Bishop Tuell and his
Alaska Flock**



Man is a Reflection of God

VI. APPOINTMENTS OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE — 1973-74

	Years in Position
Superintendent of the Alaska Missionary Conference	Ac C. Wischmeier 5
Anchorage, Anchor Park	Robert D. Bowers 3
Anchorage, East Anchorage	John R. Tindell 4
Anchorage, First	Boone White 2
Anchorage, St. John, Bayshore West, Girdwood, Hope	David Fison 2
Anchorage, Tri-Anchor Ecumenical Parish	
Jewel Lake Parish Church	Richard Morrison 2
Educational and Youth Director Tri-Anchor Parish	
Turnagain United Methodist Church	Thomas Whitehead 4
Trinity United Presbyterian Church	Thomas Handley 4
(Not appointed by the United Methodist Conference)	
Chugiak	Eugene Groves 5
Fairbanks	Howard DeVore 2
Homer Parish:	
Homer, Ninilchik, Seldovia, Anchor Point	Keith Wise 2
Juneau-Douglas Parish	John J. Shaffer 4
Kenai—Church of the New Covenant	Bruce Bartel 3
Ketchikan	James R. Fellers 2
Nome: United Methodist Church and Nome Community Center	Wm. Trudeau 4
Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing	Max Cramer 1
Sitka	Donald Hartman 4
Soldotna-North Star	August Aamodt 2
Special Appointments (Appointed without annuity claim on the Conference)	
Executive Director, Alaska Children's Services	Richard Gilbert 9
Vice-President Alaska Methodist University and Professor of Religion and Philosophy	Richard R. Gay 14
Director, United Campus Ministry	Robert Nelson 5

VII. REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ACTIONS OF THE 1973 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A. Report of the Program Council

Ac Wischmeier, Chairperson

The program Council asked our Goal setting consultant, Dick Gilbert, to write an introduction to the presentation of the Goals. You will find this document next. Following the presentation of Mr. Gilbert are the reports and recommendations of the Boards and Legislative Committees of the Conference. The goals of each major division are listed at the end of the individual reports as they were approved by the Conference. The one over all goal of the Conference for the quadrennium 1973-77 is:

**THE GOAL OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IS TO
ENABLE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO FIND THE MEAN-
ING THAT GOD INTENDS FOR LIFE.**

This main goal was approved by the 1973 Annual Conference and the individual goals of the legislative sections are intended to support and fulfill the main goal. This represents a year's hard work by the Program Council.

ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE QUADRENNIAL OBJECTIVES: JUNE, 1973 to JUNE, 1977

HISTORY . . . In 1971, the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission mandated the Program Council to develop plans and objectives for the Quadrennium for presentation to the Annual Meeting in June of 1973. The objectives which close each Legislative Committee report are the result of the process.

The process itself began in June of 1972 with training sessions at both the meetings of the Program Council and the Annual Meeting of the Mission. The Program Council continued the process at two meetings during the winter of 1972-73. This report represents about 400 man-hours of work by that group and the consultant.

ABOUT THIS REPORT . . . The objectives represent the best thinking of the Program Council as to the directions that should be taken by the Alaska Missionary Conference in the next four years.

The objectives are specific. Each objective has a target date for completion. The Program Council felt that specific responsibilities could not be assigned until the Conference had acted and approved the objectives.

ABOUT MANAGEMENT . . . The Church is coming alive to the use of new management techniques as a means of accomplishing its ends. This has been a major concern (and problem!) of the Program Council in developing its objectives. Its own role (in relationship to the General Commissions and the congregations) was difficult to define. It wanted to protect and expand the democratic process that is inherent in United Methodism. It didn't want to usurp the prerogatives of the grassroots and mandate programs from above.

In the course of this controversy the Council has developed a clearer picture of the Alaska Missionary Conference and is submitting an organizational chart that accurately represents its thinking in several areas. The chart follows this report and attempts to make the following observations:

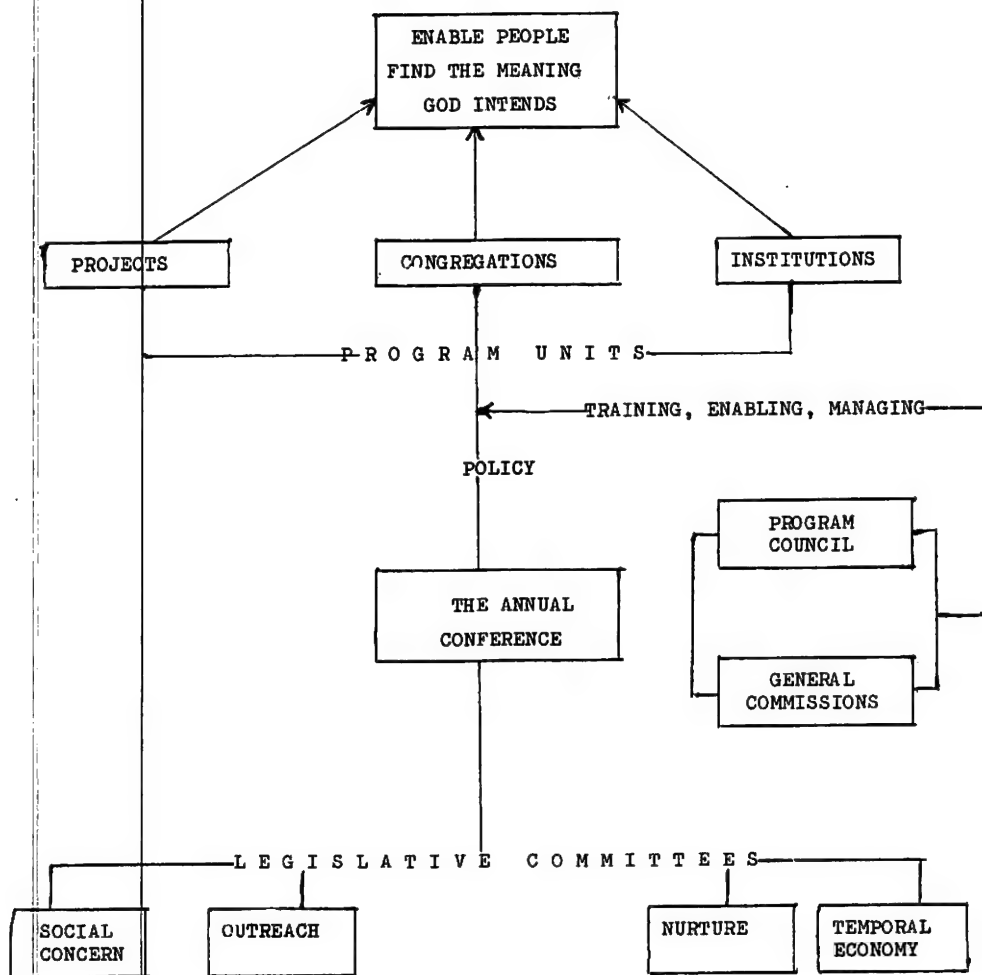
1) The GOAL of the Alaska Missionary Conference is (a) primary and (b) empowering. We get our legitimacy from our job and not from our connections to bureaucracies and power centers.

2) This strategy for achieving the goal is through the local program unit (congregations, institutions and projects). Everything else exists to help the program units reach the goal.

3) The Annual Conference is the democratically elected policy-setting body to which all Program Units are subject and, in which, all have an equal voice and vote.

4) The legislative committees are sub-committees of the policy board and exist to help the policy board do its work.

5) The Program Council is a management team working with the General Commissions to enable local program units to do their job.



B. Reports and Recommendations of the Boards and Legislative Committees

1. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Natalie Brooks, Chairperson

1. Report

The primary accomplishment of this commission was a Social Concerns Clinic following the School of Missions in August. The clinic was intended primarily as training for U.M.C. Social Concerns chairpersons, but it was attended by almost an equal number of laity and clergy.

Presbyterian, United Methodist, and Christian Churches were represented. Areas covered were: (1) Defining social issues; (2) The role of the church in social change; (3) Involvement of the total congregation; (4) Finding resources; (5) Sensitizing oneself and others to human needs; (6) Political effectiveness; (7) What others are doing now; (8) Biblical and historical bases of social action; (9) and, the role of the laity.

Other activities of social concern, though not sponsored by this commission, were: (1) Legislative newsletter of Alaska Christian Conference published by John Shaffer (2) School of Missions class on Faith and Justice—excellent intensive study of Christian Social Concern (3) Legislative Seminar in March led by John Shaffer (4) Alaska Children's Services letters urging action on legislative issues.

2. Recommendations

For the Statement of Concern and Recommendation, see the 1972 Journal, pp. 28, 29.

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B. 1. b. QUADRENNIAL GOALS FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Goal No. 1 . . . To Develop A Social Issues Task Force to Serve the Alaska Missionary Conference, for this Quadrennium.

- a) To reach all United Methodist Church members with information.
- b) To make the views of the task force known to all legislators and department heads as necessary.
- e) Lobbyist: \$100; Letters and telephone: \$175; from September 1973 to December 31, 1974. To be continued with new funding in 1975 if evaluation proves it worthy.
- d) Social Responsibilities Commission will pick task force with geographical representatives.
- e) 3-5 people on the task force.
- f) One person in the Greater Juneau area to be the lobbyist.
- g) Local church social concerns area chairpersons report to Social Responsibilities Commission on his or her church's responses.
- h) By legislation passed (or defeated, as the case may be).
- i) Any noticeable change in legislator's views. Poll the legislators.

Goal No. 2 . . . To Secure a Volunteer Staff Member for the Social Issues Task Force by December 31, 1974.

Goal No. 3 . . . To Take Steps to Reactivate Interest in Funding on All Governmental Levels.

- a) Special emphasis on convincing Alaska's congressional delegation of the needs. Because of revenue sharing state and borough officials must be convinced of the importance of programs meeting human need.
- b) Minimum time: Through 1974.
- c) Social Responsibilities Commission; Area Chairperson and pastors of individual churches. Congregations.
- d) As many United Methodists as possible working in co-operation with other denominations and non-church groups. \$20 for postage, phone.
- e) When governmental agencies, the National Division, and our own churches respond with concern and money.
- f) The detailed plan will be prepared by the Program Council.

Goal No. 4 . . . Spearhead the Establishment of Ecumenically Based Total Ministry to Pipeline Workers, with Private and Church-Related Funding.

- a) 2 Year Project; 4 workers; \$150,000.
- b) By the advent of the pipeline.
- c) Special Alaska Mission Conference task force.
- d) \$150,000; proviso: If funding can be secured from Alyeska Pipeline Company.
- e) Did it happen?

2. CHRISTIAN NURTURE

A. EDUCATION

Walt Hays, Chairperson

1. Report

These summary comments can be made as we evaluate our general ministry of Christian education for the Alaska Missionary Conference for the past year.

We appreciate greatly the sharing of the talents of Master-Teacher James Simpson of the Alaska - Northwest Synod of the United Presbyterian Church. Jim conducted workshops for teachers and leaders in several Alaska communities where United Methodists could participate and provided another valuable coaching session at our Annual School of Christian Mission.

Materials for educational ministry have been mailed by program counselors to local churches during the year to provide resources for our pastors and leaders.

Youth ministry was developed primarily on a local level or by clusters of churches this year. Several study and sharing groups have developed in local church youth programs and several of our youth have been active in Lay Witness Mission Leadership during the past year. The annual youth convocation for Southeast Alaska was cancelled due to last minute schedule difficulties.

Through negotiations with Mrs. Jennie Youngblood, Director of Services to Churches of Small Membership, the Alaska Missionary Conference has begun arrangements for an eight to twelve week program of training, available to most of the congregations within the Conference. Mrs. Ruth Inglehart will visit churches who have requested her assistance and will provide a wide range of "helping" services for the small church — from meeting with Administrative Boards and Councils on Ministry to leading training sessions for workers with children. Each church will tailor the type of program which will be most helpful to them ahead of Mrs. Inglehart's arrival. Tentative dates for Mrs. Inglehart's visit are October 14 through December 8. Scheduling arrangements will be made by contacting the Mission Office.

LAB TRAINING FOR COUNCILS AND BOARDS

Howard DeVore, Program Director

After two years in the staging which was initiated by Walt Hays, continued by Ernie Jones and finalized by Howard DeVore (succeeding program directors), the wisdom and resources of Nashville came upon the Alaskan scene in October, 1972, in the impressive form of Dr. Wayne Lindecker and Miss Eileen Sanborn of the Division of the Local Church. The fine team gave leadership to three laboratory experiences for local church council on ministries and administrative board personnel between October 11th and 22nd. The first was held in Sitka in which Juneau-Douglas also participated; the second in Fairbanks; and the third at St. John, Anchorage, where Anchorage and Kenai Peninsula Churches participated. A good response of evaluations was indicated that most felt the leadership was excellent. We appreciated Miss Sanborn's strong directive thrust "that kept the process moving" and evidenced that she was a person who "knew what she was doing." All recognized Dr. Lindecker's supportive role as a resource person and highly valued his contribution to the total experience. Those who held that the length of the lab was right for the purpose and scope, were balanced by those who thought a shorter lab would attract more people, as evidenced by their inability to stay for the whole lab. At this point, we must recognize that this time frame was unique to Alaska because of distance and leadership availability.

The greatest benefits of the labs were felt by the Council on Ministries at Sitka, Fairbanks, and St. John, who had volunteered as "guinea pigs." Juneau-Douglas reported great appreciation and value from the lab at Sitka by a full visiting team, which suggests that value received was in proportion to the number of observers and participants recruited by each pastor. One pastor replied that he would improve the lab experience by getting his people there.

2. Recommendations

a) We recommend continuing the three year rotation of age-level emphasis in our educational ministry with stress in 1974 in the area of youth ministry. We would hope that during 1974 every local church would have the benefit of a training event in the area of youth ministry.

b) In addition we recommend the mailing of a select group of printed, audio and visual resources in this field that will be available to each local church.

c) We recommend that a summer service project for Alaska youth be developed in conjunction with the year's emphasis on youth ministry.

d) We recommend that a major priority for 1974 be the development of Family Life Workshops that will serve the membership of our churches and the general community. The workshops will be designed on the concept of "Training for Effective Parenthood," and will rely on Richard Gilbert and the staff of Alaska Children's Services as principal designers of the events.

e) Days to be recognized are: Christian Education Sunday and Week; Student Recognition Day; United Methodist Student Day; and National Family Week.

f) We recommend that the Nome Community Center, Inc. and the local United Methodist Church investigate an ecumenical campus program.

B. WORSHIP

Dick Morrison and Kathie Whitehead, Co-Chairpersons

1. Report

The Worship Committee this year, 1972-73, has been involved in planning the worship experience for Annual Missionary Conference. There are not many other areas where we feel service to the Conference is appropriate. If you have any suggestions, feel free to jot them down and send them along to us.

2. Recommendations

During the years 1973-74, we hope to again be of service in the planning of the Annual Missionary Conference worship celebrations. We have thought that it would be appropriate to keep a file of worship resources and from time to time, distribute the more helpful ones to the Mission churches.

C. AUDIO-VISUAL (TRAFCO)

Bruce Bartel, Chairperson

1. Report

The goals of the Audio-Visual Committee are two fold. First of all, is the hope of this committee to keep the Alaska Missionary Conference current in knowledge of A-V materials that are available nationally and within the state. This will be accomplished by several newsletters and mailings this year telling of new purchases for the Conference A-V Library, and also telling of interesting new material that can be ordered by the local church.

Secondly, the committee will purchase new material for the Conference A-V Library. Since the budget is limited, funds will be used mainly for film-strips, cassettes, records, and simulation games.

A current listing of TRAFCO materials is available from the TRAFCO Chairperson. It includes radio and television spots, radio programming, such as "Word and Music" and "The Place," and movie resources.

It should also be mentioned that Don Hartman and Walt Hays use TRAFCO materials very frequently in their local programming and have had good success with this type of ministry.

2. Recommendations

Audio Visual previews will be held for laymen and clergy to consider audio visuals that might be purchased for the Conference library. The Chairperson of this committee shall purchase these items. Such previews could be held at the School of Missions or at the time of the Annual Pastor's and Wives Retreat.

The Alaska Missionary Conference shall pledge the resources (contents) of its existing Audio-Visual Library and give full co-operation to the development of an enlarged ecumenical A-V Library to serve the state under the leadership of the Alaska Christian Conference. This is in line with a resolution passed by the Alaska Christian Conference at its last meeting to form a task force to develop such an ecumenical library for the state, funding the project with \$800.

D. ALASKA MISSION CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bea Shepard and Claudia Kelsey, Co-Chairpersons

1. Report

On October 24, 1972, Alaska United Methodism should have celebrated the 75th anniversary of the first sermon preached in Alaska by the first officially appointed Methodist minister, if we had been on our toes. There are of course, other anniversaries of note, and maybe we won't miss them all:

1886—First Methodist workers sent to Alaska under the Alaska Bureau of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Carr to Unga "to establish a church and school." (Mrs. Carr died the next year at age 22 and Mr. Carr returned home.)

1890—Opening of Jesse Lee Home at Unalaska under the auspices of Women's Home Missionary Society.

October 24, 1897—First "official" sermon in Douglas by first general superintendent of Alaska Work, Presiding Elder Larsen of the Alaska District of the Western Norwegian-Danish Conference.

1898—Building of the first Methodist Church in Alaska, at Dyce (1973 is 75th Anniversary of this).

1900—First Methodist College in Alaska, McCabe College, built in Skagway. (Never used as a college, the building was sold to the government for a courthouse, and the money used to build a church in Skagway.)

July, 1904—First Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the Methodist Church in Juneau with Bishop John W. Hamilton of San Francisco presiding. One item of business was the laying of the cornerstone of the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Juneau, which, according to Bishop Hamilton, "will be the finest church in Alaska, with the exception of the famous church in Sitka."

1905—First Methodist Church in Seward was established in a tent by Rev. Louis H. Pedersen. The parsonage was also in part of the tent, for a year and a half.

1909—The Mission was established at Sinuk (or Sinrock) by Rev. and Mrs. Will Baldwin.

1911—Lavinia Wallace Young Mission was opened in Nome by the Woman's Missionary Society.

1913—Eskimo church organized in Nome by Rev. F. W. Baldwin.

These are a few of the "firsts" of the early Alaska Mission. They represent much blood, sweat, and tears, real hardships, much "grit and grace," which one of the early ministers stated was needed.

Compilation of early records, establishment of dates, names and places is part of the job of the Historical Society. Uncovering information hitherto "unknown" is part of the excitement of such work. Walt Hays' discovery of a diary kept by the Baldwins at the time they established the work at Sinuk is an exceptional find. The diary has been loaned to us and we are in the process of copying it (approximately 160 hand-written pages) for the Mission's historical files. One statement in the diary during the year 1909 may be a good description of the type of rugged missionary work done in the difficult isolated areas of Alaska in the early years. The sole entry for the day is: "Nothing out of the extraordinary happened today." Another complete entry for the day is: "Went to Nome today. Accident on the way." An entry for the following day reads: "Returned home."

The Co-Chairpersons were invited to the Sitka Church on a Sunday in February, set aside by them, for emphasis on the history of the Alaska Mission. A talk on the history of the Mission was given at the 11 a.m. worship service, and a presentation on the history of Jesse Lee Home was held at the afternoon meeting. The afternoon presentation of pictures and tapes was given with special flavor by the presence of Mrs. Joe Jensen, who spent much time at Jesse Lee Home in Unalaska before it moved to Seward in 1925. Mrs. Jensen's reminiscences of the Newhalls and Miss Mary Winchell "made" the program for those present.

Several of the churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference have historians working to compile information for a planned booklet which, we hope, will summarize the histories of all Methodist Churches presently existing, as well as those which have closed, moved, or can no longer be found. This project will be our primary emphasis for 1974.

2. Recommendations

The following recommendations are made for activities of the Historical Society of the Alaska Missionary Conference for the Quadrennium 1973-76:

For the Alaska Missionary Conference Historical Society:

- 1) Locate, organize, index, add to, copy and make arrangements (if necessary) for safe storage of the historical materials of the Mission and of local churches and institutions presently, and formerly, in the Missionary Conference.
- 2) Prepare and distribute a summary booklet, with pictures, portraying the history of the Alaska Missionary Conference and of the local churches and institutions presently, and formerly, in the Missionary Conference.
- 3) Prepare and distribute a historical newsletter (no oftener than twice a year).

For Local Churches and Institutions:

- 1) Appoint at least one historian to be an active member of the Alaska Missionary Conference Historical Society.
- 2) Collect all old church records and historical items and store them together in a safe place.
- 3) Compile a summary of the history of the local church.
- 4) Prepare a one-sheet (one or both sides) summary, preferable with pictures, to be compiled in a booklet on the history of the Alaska Missionary Conference.
- 5) Forward copies of above information and any information of interest on either local or Alaska Church history (not confined to United Methodist) to Chairpersons of the Alaska Missionary Conference Historical Society for use in the historical newsletter or booklet.



AND THIS IS FOR CREDIT ? ? ?

Fun and Informality at Pastor's and Wives Retreat

E. BOARD OF MINISTRY

Walt Hays, Chairperson

1. Report

The Board of the Ministry has met on four occasions during the past conference year and has taken the following action:

It reviewed the qualifications of Mr. Tom Lenhart for the Christian ministry and was pleased to recommend him for the "on trial" relationship with the Pacific Northwest Conference as he begins his seminary education.

It designed the annual Pastor's Retreat event for the Alaska Missionary Conference clergy and their wives. This year's school was held at Birchwood Camp, February 13-16, 1973 with the theme "The Changing Shape of the Ministry" or, "How to be a Pastor in a Mad, Mod World." Dr. Jameson Jones, President of Iliff School of Theology, provided able leadership for the school. His presentations provided sound scholarship into the historical and contemporary shape of the ministry and his excellent illustrative material, ready wit, and particular sensitivity for the needs of the ministers and wives of the Alaska Missionary Conference will long be remembered by the participants. Our time of study and fellowship together was enriched by the gracious presence of Mrs. Everett Palmer and the "Honest to Bishop" time when Jack and Marjorie Tuell had a chance to share their experiences in the ministry with the pastors and wives and explore mutual concerns. Walt Hays served as dean of the 1973 school.

It held the Annual Pastor's Retreat in conjunction with the first annual Everett W. Palmer Memorial Symposium, at Alaska Methodist University. Dr. Jones also provided leadership for this single event for the greater Anchorage community and gave three well-received lectures on "Crucial Issues in the Church Today." Holding the Pastor's Retreat in conjunction with the Palmer Symposium this year was an experiment and may or may not be continued in the future.

It accepted responsibility for administration of the Ministerial Education Fund for the Alaska Missionary Conference that will provide grants for continuing education for AMC clergy.

2. Recommendation

We recommend that the Board of Ministry in co-operation with the National Division, the Bishop, and the Alaska Missionary Conference Superintendent develop a plan for sabbatical leave and report to the 1974 Annual Missionary Conference.

We recommend that the Annual Pastor's and Wives Retreat be held in co-operation with an accredited school of theology, so that graduate credit can be earned by those persons wishing to exercise this option.

We recommend close annual cooperation between the Alaska Missionary Conference and Alaska Methodist University in planning the Annual Pastor's School and Palmer Symposium, so that clergy and wives might be able to attend both events, if at all possible.

We recommend that the Board of the Ministry take responsibility for mailings to the Alaska Missionary Conference clergy advising them of opportunities for professional growth and continuing education—especially those that might be available during the bi-annual furlough.

F. COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Eugene Groves, Chairman

1. Report

This year we have continued to participate, as United Methodists, in the on going talks with the Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, American Baptists, and Lutherans about establishing a campus ministry at the Anchorage Campus complex (A.M.U., University of Alaska-Anchorage, and Anchorage Community College). We have explored several alternative styles of campus ministry, from full-time clergy, part-time student, theological intern, to local pastors. As of yet, we have been unable to fund or secure the funding necessary to start a program of any kind at the Anchorage Campus complex. In years past, the United Methodists have been supporting the Anchorage campus ministry program through designating one of the Anchorage Area pastors as campus pastor, and have been allocating \$500 from the Conference Budget to support program work through that pastor. This year, however, the program council only designated \$250 for this work.

It has been one of the dreams of this committee that each of the participating church denominations could come up with \$2,000 so that we would have a \$12,000 budget for yearly operations. To date, our monies have been the largest amount available.

In recent months, with the participation of the Lutherans, there has been increasing hope that their national Campus Ministry Board would be able to find funds to support an Anchorage Campus Ministry. We will continue to talk, plan, and solicit funds so that we can begin this vital ministry to students in the near future.

2. Recommendation

Our recommendations are that we continue our support of the United Campus Ministry at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, and encourage local congregations as well as the Alaska Missionary Conference and the Board of Global Ministries, who already support this program in their budgets, to put this campus ministry in their budgets.

We also recommend that we continue to recognize our college students in the local churches through church mailings and with a special Student Day on the last Sunday in December (December 29, 1974), and that we take a Student Day Offering to support the United Methodist Student Loan Fund.

We recommend that we continue to talk with the other denominations in the Anchorage area about finding a way to start a campus ministry to the Anchorage Campus Complex.

We urge local churches, wherever community colleges are located, to remember the students in their local church program building.

We recommend that as of December 15, 1973, the balance of cash under the line item for ministry to the Anchorage campuses in the adopted 1973 budget of the Alaska Missionary Conference be designated for United Campus Ministry at the Fairbanks Campus.

G. QUADRENNIAL GOALS FOR CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Goal No. 1: To Negotiate a Contract for the Services of James Simpson, Master - Teacher of the Alaska Northwest Synod United Presbyterian Church, by June 1974.

- a) Ten days of workshop time, in various geographic areas of the State either in conjunction with the work he does for the Alaska Northwest Synod or would envision that ten workshops would involve 150 Church School teachers, youth workers. Budget: \$750. (or \$75 per day). If contract fee is higher than this, then the number of days would have to be shortened.
- b) Contract would be written easily in 30-60 days.
- c) The Program Council in collaboration with the Education Work Area Chairperson of the Alaska Missionary Conference.
- d) One person designated to be key correspondent with Trainer in the design and scheduling the events and in seeing that proper publicity is done. Budget item of \$750. (Local churches or individuals might be charged registration fees to help defray costs).
- e) If the contract is approved and the training event held, all United Methodist participants should be asked to file a written evaluation following the event with specific questions about future events of this type.

Goal No. 2: Design and Conduct a Family Life Development Program.

- a) 500 families, statewide, church-based.
- b) By June, 1977.
- c) Alaska Children's Services.
- d) \$25,000, the major portion of which shall be raised outside of the Alaska Missionary Conference budget.
- e) Numbers of people participating.

Goal No. 3 To Participate in the Establishment of a Full-Time Ecumenical Campus Ministry in Anchorage by 1975.

- a) Reach 400-800 student/faculty/administration, University of Alaska, Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage Community College. Evaluate 10-20 on-going programs. Have available \$4-5,000 for program monies. Have available \$20,000 for campus ministry, including program.
- b) Do it in a year within the raising of the funds.
- c) Unknown who will do it.
- d) \$20,000; one campus minister; one house for said campus minister.
- e) Have the money, person and house in hand, then work.

3. CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

A. EVANGELISM

Donald Hartman, Chairperson

1. Report

Evangelism is an all-inclusive word, since everything done in the church in relation to people is some form of evangelism; from the handshake at the church door to a pot-luck dinner; from a call in the home to a friendly word on the street . . . these are all forms and means of evangelism.

In looking at the losses in the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1972, one would wonder if we are fulfilling our responsibility as we should. Granted that the "rolls have been cleaned" which means the non-resident and perhaps some non-existent people have been taken off the book; however, the fact is still clear that for 22 churches we only received 231 people into our membership last year. Are we going to be satisfied with that? Are we going to accept Dean Kelley's conclusions in "Why Conservative Churches Are Growing." and, therefore, accept the fact that as a liberal church which allows dialogue and dissent, we are part of a losing cause? I do not believe so. By looking at what has been done on the grass roots level, one sees immediately that our churches have been at work in the area of evangelism.

The following is a summary of what has happened in the area of evangelism during the past year within the Alaska Missionary Conference." *

The Kenai Church of the New Covenant is involved in Sunday evening "Worship 'N Workshop". The church has a half hour spontaneous worship service at 7:00 p.m. followed by a workshop ranging from drama to rap sessions. The workshops vary to meet the need. This program is especially for those who like something a "little different" from Sunday morning worship. Outreach to young people involves a special Summer oriented program for college-aged youth and having native high school students from Wildwood in the homes of the congregation. An article placed weekly in the newspaper has been used to inform members and community of church programs.

Homer Parish is seeking to reach the isolated families of the area. The method came from an idea of Aileen Sanborn via a Westerville, Ohio Church. This program involves getting Church School Curriculum, and "Discovery

*These are the churches that responded to a requested summary of activity in the field of evangelism. We assume those who did not reply did something. Maybe they were so busy evangelizing that they had no time to write about it.

Packets" into the hands of the above families. In addition, they are exploring the idea of using cassette tapes with these families. A hand-distributed sheet with directions to United Methodist Churches of the Kenai Peninsula will be available at local campgrounds. Another means of reaching new families has been a follow-up visit in homes after Vacation Church School.

Evangelism in Seward has centered around personal contact, much through counselling. The mass media thrust has been via "The Word and Music" program on local radio.

East Anchorage reports that their first forms of evangelism are what could be called "inreach", which basically are Koinonia Groups. There are three such groups meeting in homes where they discuss a commonly agreed upon book and share mutual experiences, related to life and living a Christian faith. A record is also kept of those attending Sunday morning worship with the pastor making a follow-up call on those who have fallen to the wayside. Outreach in the church is centered on a pastoral call on new families after they have visited the church twice and have received an initial letter of welcome.

The evangelism highlight in Nome was the Lay Witness Mission held in November. Anchor Park Church supplied half the witnesses for this event.

In Sitka, cultivation of membership has been centered around informal worship gatherings, such as the Sunday Breakfast-Worship service, a 12 hour prayer vigil, and a visitation program, in which names of all church families and active constituent families were placed in an offering plate and passed among the congregation. They picked out as many names as they wanted and either called on that person's home or invited them to their home for an evening. Outreach to the community has been centered around mass-media. Monthly TV programs from the Broadcast and Film Commission of the NCC are being presented co-operatively by the Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Methodist Churches. These programs include the typical film and a panel of either laymen or clergy from the participating churches. The United Methodist outreach in mass-media has included TV promotion of Sunday worship services and "The Word and Music" program on local radio.

The Juneau-Douglas Parish had a visitation program patterned after that of their sister church in Sitka, in which names were distributed on Sunday morning for people to select and visit. Prior to this they had an ongoing program similar to "The Twelve." The small group would meet on the third Sunday of the month, and receive assignments for the next month. After calling from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on that day they would return for mutual enrichment. The Council on Ministries-Administrative Board developed a program in which every family was contacted to see how they felt towards the proposed union with Northern Light Presbyterian Church, and to enrich the sense of fellowship that was felt to be lacking as a result of the loss of their building.

Now we will look at Key '73 activities in Alaska.

One of the most active Key '73 communities is Juneau, where they have accomplished or hope to accomplish the following:

1. Shared in the call to repentance and prayer.
2. Joint Bible Study during Lent.
3. Joint sponsorship of a film at Easter on TV.
4. Joint ads of a special nature at Easter.
5. A person representing Christ will preach from a boat at South Shelter Island.

6. Christ's sermon on the Mount will be preached on Mount Roberts.
7. Bible distribution is being planned.
8. A community-wide "church open house" in September.
9. In the fall, Evangelist Barry Moore will lead a crusade.

Nome also has reported of Key '73 activities:

1. A joint Key '73 Advent service.
2. Showing of "Faith in Action" twice on cable TV.
3. A joint drama is planned for the fall.

Sitka reports the following Key '73 projects:

1. Distribution of Gospel of John and "Good News for Alaska" at a recent trade fair booth. (9 churches cooperated in this program).
2. A repeated distribution of the above material at a future Summer community festival.

The above ideas and program represent only a small portion of the evangelism taking place in the Alaska Missionary Conference. Every hour and every minute represents deep concern of persons as they reach out towards other persons. May the new year see a renewed interest in proclaiming "The Good News."

2. Recommendations:

It is recommended that each church, through Lay and Clergy leadership, develop and implement evangelism programs that will reach the unchurched with a minimum goal of 500 new Alaskan United Methodists in the next Church Year.

B. MISSION

Betty DeVore, Chairperson

1. Report:

The aims of Mission set forth in the Discipline of the United Methodist Church have been the foundation upon which the programs of the Alaska Missionary Conference have been built. With these guides, four major projects reached fruition in 1972-73.

A. School of Mission (statewide-ecumenical). Howard DeVore as dean and Mary Jane Landstrom as assistant dean guided the committee from United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, American Baptist, Congregational, United Presbyterian, and Episcopal Churches in the planning for the mission study. The school was held in Anchorage, August 10-13, 1972. Seventy-one persons enrolled; United Methodists represented 48 of this number. Four courses were offered: India: 1/6 of the World's People, Faith and Justice, Romans, and Twenty Ways to Use Good News. In addition to these primary courses, two mini-courses were selected by each student.

B. Local Church Mission Study. Nome and Fairbanks reported studies on the theme, India 1/6 of the World's People. A unique, and new approach to study was held in Juneau. Persons selected activities they wished to participate in, thus learning more about India. Sitka stressed our own state in four study sessions. Sitka also studied Pakistan in one evening.

C. Missionary itineration. Our Alaska churches enjoyed the visits of three missionaries from Rhodesia during October. All churches except one

were visited by either Miss Barbara Wilson, a nurse from United Methodist Center, Mutambara; Miss Elma Ashby, a Salisbury teacher; or the Rev. Marcia M. Ball, of Umtali.

D. Youth Involvement. Youth are active participants in the Conference School of Mission. Jon DeVore, Fairbanks, was a member of the Youth Study-Travel Seminar to India-Nepal during the Summer of 1972. This seminar is sponsored by the Interboard Committee of Missionary Education of the United Methodist Church. Jon helped in the Conference School of Mission, as featured banquet speaker and resource person in the Fairbanks School of India, and spent three days in Nome speaking in the church and community about his experiences in India and Nepal.

As we work together in the Work Area of Mission, we strive to be global and establish an attitude of openness towards the world. We are strengthened in our challenge by knowing that others share this responsibility.

2. Recommendations

The Work Area of Mission recommends that the churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church cooperate in the itineration of a World Division missionary. Perhaps, this missionary could be a person traveling through the state enroute to his or her home or the field.

The Work Area of Mission recommends that training events be held in geographical areas with a suggested theme: WHY MISSION IS.

An emphasis is to be placed on Advance Specials as an opportunity for local churches to engage in Mission beyond the World Service Apportionments. Suggested Advance Specials are:

- 1) Barbara Wilson. New Surgical wing for the Mutambara Methodist Center, Mutambara, Rhodesia.
- 2) Scholarships for education. Mrewa Secondary School, Mrewa, Rhodesia.
- 3) India. Vellore Christian Medical College, Hospital, and School of Nursing.
- 4) Scholarships for education. Lal Bagh Higher Secondary School, Lucknow, India.
- 5) Alaska Children's Services (Jesse Lee Home).
- 6) Alaska Methodist University.
- 7) Nome Community Center, Inc.
- 8) Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Nome.
- 9) Wesleyan Nursing Home, Seward.
- 10) United Campus Ministry at Fairbanks.
- 11) United Campus Ministry at Anchorage.
- 12) Birchwood Camp, Incorporated.
- 13) Southeastern Alaska United Methodist Camp.
- 14) Mission supported local churches of the Conference.

The Mission Work Area shall encourage local United Methodist Churches to pay the World Service askings in full and support other United Methodist programs, such as United Methodist Committee on Relief, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Wide Communion Sunday. Administrative costs for our denominational work are only 8% of donated funds as contrasted with popular relief efforts that reach as high as 50% for the administrative costs.

A function of Mission of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be to organize and send a work group to Pontagoura, British Honduras for the purpose of completing the building of a school.

1. Report

The Alaska Christian Conference meeting in its first bi-annual assembly in Fairbanks, January 19-21, held its session in the United Methodist Church with Howard DeVore as host pastor. The meeting was ably presided over by Amos Alter, United Methodist layman from the same church, and a number of delegates, lay and ministerial represented Methodism, including a capable youth delegate, Jon DeVore. Also present were some youth observers from the University of Alaska. In addition to the usual Protestant denominations, the make-up of Alaska Christian Conference was further enhanced by the presence of a number of Roman Catholic delegates, both lay and clerical from the Diocese of Fairbanks. Others who had not been represented in the former structure but present here, were from the Moravian, American Lutheran, and Evangelical Covenant churches. The keynote, therefore, of the meeting was harmony. Task forces were set up to implement various projects, the most important being to strengthen the plan of Key '73 in Alaska. The legislative newsletter was funded for another two years, with John Shaffer of Juneau as editor. A social and legislative task force was centered in the Fairbanks Council of Churches. This is the only method set up by Alaska Christian Conference to deal with issues of Christian Social Concerns in Alaska. It remains to be seen how effective this will be.

Since this meeting took place in January before the cease-fire in Vietnam, an attempt was made to censure the U. S. bombing of Hanoi, and one hospital in particular. This did not pass, but a substitute resolution expressing concern and calling all Christians to contribute to rebuilding all of Vietnam did pass. An offering of over \$100 was received from the delegates for this purpose.

In the area of local ecumenism, the Juneau Methodist Church, which has been worshipping on a temporary basis with Northern Light Presbyterian since May, 1972, voted in January to unite on an equal basis. A union study committee prepared the preliminary background for this and will continue to work on details to bring about full union in the coming months. The committee received much help from the experience of the Jewel Lake Church in the Anchorage Area. Likewise, the women's groups of the two churches plus the women of the Douglas United Methodist Church, have formed, after several months study, a unified women's group to be called Community of Christian women. The merged groups are quite enthusiastic and have participated successfully in several projects together. New officers will be installed in May.

2. Recommendations

While circumstances influenced the ecumenical effort of the Juneau church, in most cases it is in smaller things that we look forward to increasing the spirit of oneness for annual goals. These may continue to be: exchange of pulpits, eucharistic fellowship, observance of special days in each other's churches (including women's groups), and more interfaith discussion groups. Study of COCU's latest statement called "The Way Ahead" adopted in the Memphis Plenary in April, 1973, urges the churches to make a clear commitment to deal with five priorities: Institutional Racism; Faith, Worship and Ministry; Generating Communities; Study of Local Expression of the Church; and Eucharistic Fellowship. A youth Committee is to be established and set up interdenominationally for active programs. If these priorities can be stressed in our local communities in Alaska we will have come closer to unity in Christ.

D. COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING

Ac Wischmeier, Chairperson

1. Report

First United Methodist Church, Anchorage, has sold three lots at the corner of 9th and H for \$250,000 and the sale is to be completed by May 15th. From the sale, \$90,000 will be returned to the National Division for their investment in property north of Baxter Hall, and the remainder will be used for construction of a new addition to the main building to the East. The Church Location and Building Committee has approved the plans and the congregation approved them on Sunday, April 15. Construction is expected to be under way by late May.

East Anchorage United Methodist Church is ready to break ground the last of May for the third addition to the building. Their plan calls for an extension to their multiple purpose room making possible a sanctuary multiple purpose area that does not need to be crossed with the flow of traffic between their two educational sections. The plan has been approved by the Church Location and Building Committee and the congregation.

The last worship service the Juneau United Methodist Church held was in its old building at Fourth and Seward on April 30, 1972. The State of Alaska through condemnation proceedings secured the property and offered the church \$120,000. The church received the \$120,000, but refused settlement for this amount. The case was appealed and in May a settlement of \$182,000 was awarded the Church.

The Juneau Church, with the concurrence of the Committee on Church Location and Building, is in the process of purchasing for \$65,000 the "Whitehead House" and leasing it to the Juneau Teen Girl's House. This corporation expects in two years to purchase the house from the Church so the money would be available for whatever future plans the Juneau United Methodist Church develops.

The Church Location and Building Committee on April 17 authorized the Building Committee at Soldotna United Methodist Church to proceed with the plans they presented, with minor changes, to add three class rooms, redesign the roof lines to correct the problem existing in the building, and to relocate the main entrance.

At the same meeting on April 17, the committee approved the plans of the Chugiak Church to build a new log parsonage on church property near the church building. In order to build the new parsonage, the old one must first be sold

E. QUADRENNIAL GOALS FOR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH.

Goal No. 1: To Design a New Brochure Presenting the Work of The Alaska Missionary Conference.

- a) 10,000 copies of a brochure that would be general enough not to be dated. Should be highly pictorial and have good layout design. (This number should provide enough to last through the quadrennium for mailing by pastors, supt., and institutions.)
- b) Brochure could be developed in 60 days—allow another two weeks for printing. Should be printed and ready for distribution April, 1975.
- c) Content and design should be appointed by the Program Council. Composition and selection of photographs done by a P. C. sub-committee.

- d) \$600-\$700 for printing costs. (Assume mailing well be done out of the AMC offices, church and institutional budgets.) Sub-committee of two persons from the Program Council.
- e) If budget item is voted by AMC, brochure can be produced. Some evaluation could be done 12-18 months after its publication. (Has it been helpful to AMC pastors, the AMC office, the regional advance officers? Has it helped generate interest in the AMC as local churches write for information for Mission schools/study groups?)

Goal No. 2: To Bring Euriskon Consultants to Alaska to Train a Team to Conduct Ecumenical Euriskon Workshop in Various Parts of the State and Specifically to Lead in Holding an Euriskon Event in Anchorage. To Hold at Least One Euriskon Event Conducted by the Alaska Team.

- a) We wish to reach as many people as reasonably possible with this new evangelistic experience. The total cost for bringing two consultants to Alaska will be \$1,700, \$800 to be provided by the budget of the Program Council and the balance to be raised from other sources.
- b) The Euriskon Event will take place in October, 1974, in Anchorage. It will be followed by planned events as per the Euriskon procedure and will be followed thereafter with other Euriskon events in Alaskan communities.
- c) John Tindell will serve as overall co-ordinator.
- d) A key person from each church in the Anchorage area will be needed to co-ordinate joint enterprise in October of 1974. A large non-church building will be needed for the five day sessions.
- e) Each participant in the Euriskon Event will be asked to complete an evaluation sheet. Each church co-ordinator will be asked to complete an evaluation statement indicating positive results they see accomplished. The lives of marginally involved church members will be changed into dynamic involvement.

Goal No. 3: Start a Program of Lay Leadership in the Churches and seek to Enlarge Our Vision of Mission in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

- a) Training and placing at least four lay ministers, with the approval of the Bishop and the Mission Conference Superintendent in the Alaska Missionary Conference by 1976. This could easily occur at Douglas (under the supervision of the pastoral leadership of the Juneau-Douglas Larger Parish); at Ninilchik (under the supervision of the pastoral leadership at Homer or Soldotna); at North Star (under the supervision of the pastoral leadership at Kenai or Soldotna); and at Moose Pass (under the supervision of the pastoral leadership at Seward.)
- b) Interpretation of this concept, training of laity and the training of the administration would take approximately two years, with full implementation by June of 1976.
- c) The Superintendent of the Alaska Missionary Conference would be the key figure, selecting a trainer for the laity or guiding each pastor in training one or two key laypersons, who would accept this challenge to a deeper ministry; interpreting this change to the various churches involved, emphasizing the continued relationship to an elder in each case.
- d) There would need to be four to eight lay persons committed to assistance in worship and other special needs in the churches involved. Whenever the pastor in charge of the parish went to the smaller churches, laity might have to cover the services in the larger churches

on the parish. Now the pastors often have little to do with Christian Education. Under this new program, they could be more deeply involved, those few times (at least 12 times each year) they were present during Sunday services.

- e) We would know when we could see visible evidence of the laity having a real role in serving the local churches, not just a token role. We would know when we could see the pastors in charge of the parish willing to give us some authority and leadership responsibilities in the smaller churches. This would have to occur in at least four places.

Goal No. 4: To Hold Two Discussions Between Denominational Leaders on The Subject of Ecumenical Schools (Missions, Pastors, Leadership) by 1974.

- a) Two meetings between United Methodist, United Presbyterian, American Baptist, Episcopalian, Congregational leaders, and other leaders of participating denominations of the Alaska Christian Conference that voice an interest.
- b) Meet in 1974 during the Alaska Christian Conference meeting and during the Executive Meeting of the Alaska Christian Conference.
- c) Mission Superintendent will issue invitations and set times.
- d) Small amount of money for mail/phone calls. Buildings and travel should already be provided.
- e) Superintendent will report his findings to the Program Council.

Goal No. 5: To Conduct a Feasibility Study of the Possibility of Establishing Congregations in the Campbell Lake Area (Anchorage) and at Lost River (Mining Area on the Seward Peninsula near Nome).

- a) The Church location and Building Committee for the respective areas to conduct the study. In relation to Lost River, the committee must cooperate with the committee established by the Alaska Christian Conference.
- b) By October, 1974.
- c) The Church Location and Building Committee in cooperation with the Mission Superintendent and the special committee of the Alaska Christian Conference on Lost River.
- d) No resources needed.
- e) When the committee makes recommendations on both projects.

Goal No. 6: To Develop a Plan for Itineration of Alaska Missionary Conference Personnel in Cooperation with the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

- a) One comprehensive scheduled plan for a two year period.
- b) By June, 1974.
- c) Scheduled plan developed through Mission Superintendent and the National Division Coordinator of Field Service.
- d) Budget appropriation from the National Division Coordinator of Field Service to make possible one two-weeks itineration while each missionary family is in the Lower 48 (beyond the family's month vacation time).
- e) When missionaries are assigned and funded to carry out itineration.

Goal No. 7: To Recruit and Place Volunteers in Churches, Institutions and Projects.

- a) 10 volunteers giving 3-12 months each.

- b) June, 1977.
- c) Program Council, Churches, Institutions, Projects.
- d) No resources needed.
- e) Count the volunteers.

Goal No. 6: To Pursue Talks Between the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Respective United Presbyterian Body in Alaska (As outlined in the request for such a study by the ministers of the Tri-Anchor Ecumenical Parish).

- a) Two or four people (half clergy and half laity, neither of whom shall be the superintendent of the Conference—he will act only in a consulting role—during the initial phases of the talks) are to meet with the already established committee of the Presbytery of the Yukon, and an anticipated committee from the Southeastern Alaska Presbytery. The Committee is to hold an initial meeting by September 30, 1973. \$200 for travel (possible) during 1973-74.
- b) Committee should have report for continued action or recommendation of dropping the project by June 1, 1974.
- c) The joint committee from the Alaska Missionary Conference and the Presbytery of the Yukon (already appointed).
- d) A committee of four to be appointed by the Bishop. \$200 for possible expenses to come from the Conference Benevolent Reserves.
- e) In the initial phase, the committee will bring back a report that will recommend one of the following: further study and fact finding; need for a committee to work out details of the merger; the abandonment of the project.

4. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

A. LAY ACTIVITIES Jack Townsend, Conference Lay Leader, Chairperson

1. Report:

In my capacity as lay leader, I have been participating in the following activities during the past year:

(1) Program Council. I have attended two of the three meetings held in Anchorage.

(2) Criterion for Self-Supporting Churches Committee. I served as Chairperson of this committee. Three meetings of the whole committee were held on Anchorage. Several Sub-Committee meetings were held by pastors and lay persons in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks areas to involve lay persons in giving in-put to this committee.

(3) World Service and Finance Committee. I served as a member of this committee and participated in the development of the budget for 1974 to be recommended to the 1973 Alaska Missionary Conference.

The above activities have been interesting, have offered a challenge, and I have appreciated the opportunity of working with the leadership of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Because of the size of our Conference, limited budget, participation in the administrative activities listed above, and other obligations of the lay leader, very little contact was made with local churches except by corres-



**Jack Townsend,
Conference Lay Leader**

pondence. It is difficult at this time to know the things that a Conference Lay Leader can do to assist the local churches, but during the next year, I would like to spend some time trying.

On two occasions this year, through the pastors, the lay leadership of each church in the Conference was asked to participate in the Conference activities, by assisting me with their concerns. Since there was only about 25% participation when there should have been 100%, it is my belief that a considerable amount of work needs to be done if the Conference Lay Leader is to be of assistance to the local church. Printed below are the concerns and suggestions received from about 25% of the local lay leaders in the Conference:

Concerns:

- Working with children and youth to help life become more meaningful.
- Reaching into the community to learn and help meet needs.
- More concern for and involvement with native Alaskans.
- Dwindling church congregations and schools.
- How to help the congregation live their faith.
- Provide the atmosphere for Christian living in the family, church, and community.
- Getting wider participation by membership.
- Building the youth program.
- Reaching more people with the Every Member Visitation.

See that the actions of the organized church are to the ends motivated by Christ's teachings.

Church School material too scholarly and not exciting enough to compete with other learning media available.

Enlarging church facility to accommodate growing congregation.

Concerned about the very few people who attend church.

Inability to interest people of the community in worship.

Suggestions to Make the Church More Meaningful:

Increase participation in sharing groups.

Need to prepare for wider ministry with pipeline boom.

Help people to be free to allow the Spirit to lead them in their lives.

Increase participation in worship and other functions of the church.

Get a part-time youth worker.

Be more flexible in our practices and more open in our reception.

Cooperate more with other churches within and outside of Methodism in Bible studies, worship, planning, etc.

Increase the power and use of lay persons within the local church.

Assemble churches in the Southeast area with resources in the Seattle Area.

Take only those positions from which we are totally unwilling to relinquish.

Maintain posture in the church whereby Christian people further Christian ends.

Have a stronger sense of the presence of God.

2. Recommendations

- a) The Lay Leader of the Conference shall have more contact with local lay leadership.
- b) The Lay Leader of the Conference will encourage pastor-lay person team work at the local church level.
- c) The Lay Leader of the Conference will determine what assistance, if any, the local church leadership would like from the Conference Lay Leader.
- d) The Chairperson of the Commission on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy will continue to give strong emphasis in the local churches on stewardship education, with cooperation with Program Council programs in this area.
- e) The Chairperson of the Commission on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy shall continue to emphasize training of Lay Speakers.

B. COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Boone L. White, Chairperson

1. Report

The Alaska Missionary Conference Council on World Service and Finance met at the Mission House on March 30, 1973 and conducted hearings on the 1974 proposed budget. The committee worked long and hard to include as much as possible on requests for funds, and to incorporate into the 1974 budget proposed changes in figuring the grade point figures and in the salary structure of the Alaska Missionary Conference. The Annual Meeting last year

requested that some way be found to increase the Pension Base for our ministers. Several proposals that will provide solutions to this concern are included.

The 1974 Budget was prepared with the understanding that the subsidy from the National Division would be the same as last year, since we have had no indication of change from the National Division, and have been advised that such information might not be available until September.

Devaluation of the U. S. dollar has placed an unbelievable strain on the financial support of all Mission enterprise. Increased costs and need for increased salaries to keep up with inflation have put increased pressure on our church budgets. With all of this in mind, it was recommended that we hold the increase of the 1974 Mission Budget at a minimum. The proposed 1974 budget is only 3.48% more for 1974 than in 1973.

Boone White was elected chairperson and Barbara Shaffer was elected Secretary of the Committee.

2. Recommendations

General Recommendations:

- a) We remind and require "all agencies receiving financial support from Conference benevolences or from any other authorized conference-wide appeal, that they shall make audited reports to the commission concerning all receipts and disbursements thereof, in such detail and at such times as the commission may direct." (Par. 868.4 1972 Discipline).
- b) We commend these boards and organizations who did early budget preparation, and recommend that all requests for funds be submitted to the commission at its pre-conference meeting.
- c) We recommend that the 1972 concluding statistics be the figure used to produce the 1974 grade point figures.
- d) We recommend that the Alaska Missionary Conference office mail quarterly reports of all monies appropriated and received to the following: The National Division, the Bishop, and the appropriate local church personnel.
- e) We recommend that items A, B, C, of the Mission budget be placed on the grade figure system of determining apportionments to each local church in the Mission.
- f) We recommend that all cash balances of A, B, C, of the Mission budget revert to the general funds 15 days prior to the end of the fiscal year.
- g) We recommend that Advance Special giving continue to vigorously support all of the United Methodist Institutions in Alaska. We further recommend the observance of a United Methodist Institutions in Alaska Sunday, and the date for it be recommended by the Program Council.

Specific Recommendations:

- a) We recommend that the apportionment set by the Council on World Service and Finance and transmitted to the Mission, be accepted for the 1974 calendar year.
- b) We recognize that changing priority in the National Division requires the acceptance of increasing financial responsibilities on the part of Alaska churches and, therefore, we urge the aggressive development in increased local financial support.

- c) We recommend the 1974 Alaska Mission Journal carry the listing of All the funds expended by the National Board in the Alaska Mission. The list would include such items as: salary supplementation, administrative cost of the Mission Office, moving costs, furlough costs, expense allotments, insurance on church properties, travel, etc. In addition, all salaries of ministers and administrators of institutions of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be listed on a separate page of the 1974 Journal (broken down as to cash, travel, utilities, others): one column showing amounts paid by the local church, one column showing amounts paid by the Mission Salary Subsidy, and a total in the third column.
- d) The grade figure for figuring apportionments will be derived by the following formula:
- Grade Figure equals the average of the Membership Grade Figure and the Local Expense Grade Figure. The Membership Grade Figure equals total church membership divided by the Total Alaska Missionary Conference membership. Local Expense Grade Figure equals individual church expenditure divided by total expenditure of all Alaska Missionary Conference Churches. Local expenses include general church expenditures (excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvement and benevolences), church school administration, materials, and supplies; and local paid portions of the pastor's salary and travel expenses.
- Each local church has the right to appeal to the Commission on World Service and Finance concerning the amounts assessed, if there are unusual circumstances which should be considered, provided this appeal be made prior to the Spring meeting of the Council before the grade point figures are published.
- e) It is recommended that Jewell Lake Church of the Tri-Anchor Ecumenical Parish not be figured into the regular assessments for 1974, but be assessed no less than \$450 for 1974 only.
- f) It is recommended that \$5,000 from the Benevolent Reserves be sent to the Conference Claimant Distribution Fund of the Board of Pensions to accrue interest for investment in 1978 to buy an additional \$10 Pension Base as recommended by the Pension Committee.
- g) It is recommended that \$1,000 be placed in the Conference Budget, which would be sent to the Conference Claimant Distribution Fund of the Board of Pensions to accrue interest for investment in 1978 to buy an additional \$10 Pension Base as recommended by the Pension Committee.
- h) The Program Council Budget for 1974 shall be \$8994 with the additional \$1000 coming from the Benevolent Reserves.
- i) It is recommended that the total World Service and Finance budget be set at \$47,481 for 1974.
- j) It should be pointed out that proposed salary increases this year which will raise the minimum salary from \$5800 to \$6100 will mean that each local church will need to increase the amounts in their budgets for the Minister's Salary. For the non-self-supporting churches, this will be a \$300 increase in the base, plus the cost of living factor, which will cause increases to range from \$390-\$480. This increased demand on local church budgets will be in addition to any increases in church apportionments, and is not reflected in the Conference Budget.

C. BOARD OF PENSIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

We request to the General Board of Pensions and the National Division that all ministers entering the Alaska Missionary Conference during the coming year, 1973-74 be included in the Minister's Reserve Fund.

We recommend that the personal contributions made by each minister to the Minister's Reserve Pension Fund:

- a) Be on the basis of 3% of the average salary of the Annual Conference in which he holds membership, and
- b) Beginning with all such personal contributions made on and after July 1, 1970 to his Income Annuity Account, together with all interest credited therein, shall be available at the time of his retirement, or to his beneficiary should death precede retirement, as either additional annuity above the effective pension rate or as a lump sum refund in lieu of additional annuity.

We recommend that the Death Benefit Program provision of the Board of Pensions be again applied to the Alaska Pension Program at an annual cost of \$75 per member.

We also recommend that should any surplus develop after payment of MRPF, Death Benefit Program, and Clearinghouse, such surplus shall be deposited to the Conference Claimants Distribution Fund of the Pension account of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

It is recommended that amounts available through the Board of Pensions Chartered Fund and the distribution from the Methodist Publishing House be used for current budget purposes and excesses deposited to the Conference Claimants Distribution Fund.

The Alaska Missionary Conference will need \$5,834 for its pension program in 1973-74 based on 15.5 ministers—each \$500=\$7,750. The Mission Conference Superintendent is funded entirely by the National Division. The following is the breakdown of the Alaska Missionary Conference pension program costs:

ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE SHARE:

$$\frac{1}{3} \text{ of } \$350 = \$116.66 \times 15.5 = \$1,808.23$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } \$150 = \$ 75.00 \times 15.5 = 1,167.50$$

\$2,975.73.....\$2,975.73

DEATH BENEFIT PROGRAM: \$75 per person \times 15.5 1,167.50

NON-FUNDED PAYMENTS FOR CLAIMANTS WITH
ALASKA SERVICE (Estimate for 1974)* 1,700.77

\$5,839.00

*The figure may increase or decrease depending upon deaths or retirement service years in Alaska for men retiring after June 1, 1972, now being funded.

During the 1972-73 Conference Year, real effort has been made to find a way to increase the base per service year of \$50 now being paid to men serving in the Alaska Missionary Conference through the Minister's Reserve Pension Fund, to an amount more in line with the base being paid by other Annual Conferences of the United States. Much study and research was done and we came up with two basic recommendations:

(1) We have discovered that we have some funds which have come from several sources such as interest, unused portions allocated in previous years, to our account with the Board of Pensions, etc., which are drawing interest at the rate of 6½%. We are recommending that all such surplus funds be placed in the Conference Claimants Distribution Fund and left to draw interest.

We recommend that \$5,000 from our Alaska Mission "Benevolent Reserves" (funds unspent from previous years budgets which have accumulated over the years) be placed in this above mentioned Conference Claimants Distribution Fund of the Board of Pensions and left to draw interest at 6½%.

Then, in January 1978, that \$1,003.80 could be used to pay \$10 per service year raise in the base. This \$1000 would have accumulated from interest on the money placed in the fund, and would be available to us annually. According to the Actuarial rates of the Board of Pensions, we can raise our pension base per service year \$1.00 for every \$103.80 we send them in 1978. 1978 is the year with the lowest cost to us for the purchase of additional pension funding. (The Actuarial Table is printed below).

This recommendation would raise our Mission base to \$60 per service year. Ministers will receive the rate that is current in the Mission Conference at the time of their retirement; not the rate which is current during the years of their actual service in Alaska, so the goal is to raise the base in a way that will allow us to buy the most increase over the next few years.

(2) The second recommendation is to move toward raising the base from \$60 to \$70 per service year, by putting aside \$1000 this year into the Conference Claimants Distribution Fund to be left to draw interest until January, 1978. Each succeeding year it is hoped we can invest at least \$1000 in the fund to be left to accumulate interest until January, 1978. At this time, the interest on all our invested funds will be used to increase the pension rate to the maximum it will fund.

Providing that both our recommendations are approved at the Annual Missionary Conference in May-June, 1973, it would then be our goal to include in the 1974 Budget the amount of \$1,000 for the purpose of sustaining the pension rate base at \$10 more than it is at present, that is, at \$60 rather than \$50.

ACTUARIAL RATE TABLE

Cost in each year to raise the pension base \$1 for all men of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

1973....\$108.86	1977....\$103.40	1981....\$106.05	1985....\$119.78	1989....\$154.46
1974.... 106.85	1978.... 100.38	1982.... 110.68	1986.... 132.07	1990.... 162.87
1975.... 103.82	1979.... 106.52	1983.... 115.27	1987.... 131.48	
1976.... 106.56	1980.... 103.29	1984.... 117.71	1988.... 159.40	

D. QUADRENNIAL GOALS FOR LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

Goal No. 1: Develop a Program for Measurement of Effectiveness of Alaska Mission Conference Program Units.

- a) One comprehensive program.
- b) By June, 1975

- c) Program Council and consultant
- d) \$500 consultant fees.
- e) Whether a program has been developed.

Goal No. 2: Develop Ways of Getting More Input from Program Units in the Alaska Mission Conference Planning Process.

- a) One planning session of three hours.
- b) By June 1974.
- c) Program Council.
- d) No resources.
- e) Whether the planning session was held.

Goal No. 3: To Fully Complete the Formation and Organization of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

- a) To clarify present legislation and co-operate with the National Division in carrying out clarified understanding.
- b) June 1975
- c) Bishop, Mission Superintendent, a representative from the Alaska Mission, and those involved with the AMC at the National Division level.
- d) Funding from the National Division for at least one meeting involving those listed in c.
- e) When a report is made by the National Division and the Mission Superintendent to the Annual Meeting.

Goal No. 4: Have a Stewardship Training Event Available to the Chairpersons of the Committees on Finance and the Work Area Chairpersons on Stewardship in Each Local Church Each Year.

- a) In the first year, have a professional from the Department of Finance and Field Service in New York go from church to church to conduct this training. This would cost approximately \$1,000. During the next two years, have individuals (clergy or laity) who have some understanding of the process and theology of stewardship, available to go to those local churches requesting such service and assistance. This could be done.
- b) Starting this by October of 1973 and then continue it each Fall.
- c) Program Council will supervise.
- d) One person available at cost and enough funds to cover that cost. \$1,000 for the first year. \$200 each year after that.
- e) When each local church has received training and is participating in a regular stewardship emphasis program.

Goal No. 5: To Conduct a Study on the Usefulness and Format of the Journal and Submit Written Recommendations by Annual Meeting.

- a) Get a written expression from the above mentioned persons, so that the written recommendations could be based on some hard data.
- b) Probably will take until June, 1975.
- c) The Secretary of the Annual Meeting would be a prime prospect to carry out the survey.

- d) Funds for correspondence. Time for proposing alternatives.
- e) When written recommendations are presented to the AMC for consideration.

Goal No. 6: To Begin Publication of a Regular Periodical for The United Methodist Church and Allot an Initial Budget of \$1,000 for that Purpose, by January 1974.

- a) A periodical published quarterly, page size 5½ x 4¼—6-8 pages per issue. Produced on offset press with attention to good layout design and photography. Would provide 10,000 copies per issue plus funds for 2nd class mailing. Would cost \$1,100 per year.
- b) Issue could be produced on a mid-month deadline. First issue would take two months to compile plus time for making master mailing list. First issue could be mailed by 3/1/74.
- c) One editor should be appointed by the Program Council. Program Council should serve as an advisory board to ensure balance. Volunteers (Anchorage) would be needed to compile master mailing list and label and send mailing of each issue.
- d) Service of a good typist—small amount of layout equipment—IBM typewriter, one editor, a photo file in the Alaska Missionary Conference, and \$1,100 per year.
- e) If the funds are allocated and the first issue produced. It should be carefully noted how much correspondence (inquiry-mission gifts) is generated by the "outside" circulation of the periodical. (Should be a goal for "Advance Special" cultivation).

Goal No. 7: Develop a Management System

- a) Develop objectives, start dates, end dates and accountability system for the Alaska Missionary Conference.
- b) November, 1973
- c) Program Council and consultant.
- d) One four-hour meeting of the Program Council. \$200 for secretarial consultant costs.
- e) Is there an understandable picture of Alaska Missionary Conference directions, activities in the hands of all responsible. Are responsibilities firmly established.

Goal No. 8: Obtain a list of comparable salaries, to stimulate the setting of Goals and Standards for Salaries in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

- a) Obtain a list of at least 10 comparable salaries.
- b) By June of 1974.
- c) Committee on Equitable Salary, Chairperson or other designees of the Program Council.
- d) Stamps and time (mailing expense \$10)
- e) When comparable salaries have been obtained and there is some objective-subjective analysis of how they apply to pastor's salaries.



**Ac C. Wischmeier
Superintendent of the
Alaska Missionary Conference**

C. The Mission Superintendent's Report

By AC WISCHMEIER

Bishop Jack M. Tuell, members and friends of the thirty-second session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission and the second session of the Alaska Missionary Conference. We are just completing 69 years of organized mission work in Alaska.

Bishop Tuell, it is a pleasure and an honor, to welcome you and your wife, Marji, to Alaska, and to recognize that the Alaska Missionary Conference is your first Conference to preside over since your election as a Bishop on July 13, 1972. We also welcome into our fellowship this week your father and mother-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Owen Beadles.

As voted last year, we are taking advantage of the new General Conference permissive legislation concerning membership in a Missionary Conference and are welcoming our new members from Alaska Children's Services, Nome Community Center, Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Wesleyan Nursing Home, and Alaska Methodist University.

A SIGN ON A STUDY DOOR

I would characterize the mood this year we are just finishing by a sign on a study door which reads, "The man who is wedded to his time will soon be a widower". Below it are these words from Isaiah (43:18-19 NEB): "Cease to dwell on days gone by and to brood over past history. Here and now I will do a new thing: this moment it will break from the bud. Can you not perceive it?"

At the beginning of World War II, the British Army was short of weapons and was forced to rely upon some artillery which had originally been used in the Boer War. When France fell, these venerable old pieces were pulled into place on the southern coast of England and manned for the defense of the nation.

But they were frightfully slow, they could not be fired rapidly. Determined to get the most from the old guns, the army hired a time-study expert. He watched the five-man crews fire the guns, and was perplexed by some of the time-consuming things he saw. In an effort to resolve his puzzlement, he took slow-motion pictures of the gunners' process, and as he studied the films he noticed that just before firing, two members of the crew stopped everything and stood at attention for a three-second period until the gun went off.

When all reasonable explanation failed to account for the meaning of this pause in the firing operation, the time-study consultant called in an old colonel of the British artillery. He studied the film two or three times and then suddenly realized what was happening: "Ah," he said when he had seen the films for the third time, "I have it. They are holding the horses."

This story is cited by Elting Morison in his study of how people adapt to and anticipate rapid change. The conclusion of his study is that persons and groups most adequate to deal effectively with change are those who can transcend a particular activity and grasp with clarity the object for the total. Those who could not deal with change, he says are persons with "severely limited identification."

"I would suggest that in the studying of innovation, we look further into . . . the possibility that any group that exists for any purpose—the family, the factory, the educational institution—might begin by defining for himself its grand object and see to it that the grand objective is communicated to every member of the group." (*Men, Machines, and Modern Times*, Cambridge: The M.I.T. Press, 1966 pp. 41, 42).

THE "GRAND OBJECTIVE" IN MISSION

The 1972 General Conference has created incentive for this comprehensive look at the "grand object" in mission. It created a Board of Global Ministries, for example, which replaces the former Board of Missions. The Board of Global Ministries now encompasses the Divisions of National, World, Women's; Educational and Cultivation; Ecumenical and Inter-religious Concerns; Health and Welfare, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Many of these divisions were separate and independent boards prior to the 1972 General Conference. It has not been easy for these boards to reduce the number of board members, learn to live with the new formula for the make-up of the board (one third laymen, one third lay-women, and within each of these divisions, so many of the various minority groups are to be represented) to adjust the budget figure given to the total board and to find their "grand object" in mission.

THE ALASKA MISSION SEARCH FOR THE "GRAND OBJECTIVE" IN MISSION

It is interesting to note that at the 1971 Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission a mandate was given to the Program Council to develop plans and objectives for the Quadrennium for presentation to the Annual Meeting in June of 1973. The process itself began in June of 1972 with training sessions led by Dick Gilbert, our consultant at both meetings of the Program Council and the Annual Meeting of the Mission. Who could forget what a frustrating and painful process this was. Goal setting is not easy. The Program Council was given the task of finishing the job and bringing back recommendations. This was carried on at two work sessions during the winter of 1972-73. In the Conference Workbook is printed the over-all suggested goal of the Alaska Mission Conference and carefully work out sub-goals designed to make the goal become flesh and blood giving proposal direction to the ministries of this Mission.

At the continual insistence of our consultant not to use "sanctified jargon" and to frame our goal in a short easily understood statement rather than the long involved theological wording of last Annual Meeting, we now recommend to this body for your consideration: "The goal of the Alaska Missionary Conference is to enable as many people as possible find the meaning that God intends for life." Each legislative group will have an opportunity to consider this goal and consider such recommended sub-goals as relates to your area of responsibility. Before we conclude Sunday noon we should have perfected our goal and set our objectives with a tentative time table, some idea of cost factors, and who has the responsibility to carry out what objectives. This will demand the best we have to give during the next few years.

The Program Council has not been alone in the goal setting process. I have been encouraged by the work which our local churches have been doing along this line. A number of churches have set aside blocks of time at regular meetings or retreats to come to grips with goal and priority setting. They, too, have found this hard, slow work, but, rewarding.

October 11-12, Dr. Wayne Lindecker of the Division of the Local Church and Miss Aleen Sanborn, in charge of laboratory training teamed up and gave excellent leadership to three laboratory experiences for local church Council on Ministries and Administrative Boards. They were most helpful in helping local churches see how they could function better through our structure and do constructive planning and effective goal setting. Through negotiations with Miss Jennie Youngblood, Director of Services to Churches of small membership, the Alaska Missionary Conference has begun arrangements for an 8-12 week program of training available to most of the congregations within the Mission. Mrs. Ruth Inglehart will visit churches who have requested her assistance and will provide a wide range of "helping" services for the small church—from meeting with Administrative Board and Councils on Ministries to leadership training sessions for workers with children, youth and adults; to goal setting process.

Not only have the Program Council, Annual Missionary Conference and local churches been involved in this stimulating process of evaluation, priority and goal setting, but, also, our institutions. Nome Community Center has been trying to define what its real ministry should be and both the Nome Church and Community Center have engaged in discussions concerning their cooperative ministries. The United Campus Ministry has secured the service of Dick

Gilbert as consultant in their goal setting sessions. The Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Nome and Wesleyan Nursing Homes of Seward are evaluating their service while Alaska Children's Services has done a very extensive self-evaluation and goal-setting. Alaska Methodist University has undergone this same process and is just about ready to give the University a new organizational format under four centers: arts and science, native studies, environmental studies, and health and welfare.

By action of the 1972 Annual Conference, a basic salary structure committee was to be appointed by the Program Council made up of two lay persons and two clergy and their findings are to be reported directly to the Annual Meeting. They were charged with the responsibility of setting up the criteria for a self-supporting church and to define what is needed to be a self-supporting church in terms of church membership, pastor's salary, and fringe benefits, budget faithfulness and funded programs on the local level.

The National Division issued an invitation to the Bishop and Superintendent of each of the three newly formed Missionary Conferences—the Red Bird Missionary Conference, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and the Alaska Missionary Conference to meet in St. Louis on March 23 for a consultation. The National Division was represented by Dr. Randolph Nugent and Miss Betsy Ewing. I can best summarize the meeting by quoting the letter I received from Miss Betsy Ewing dated April 11, 1973:

"Dear Ac:

Randolph Nugent and I appreciated the opportunity we had to meet with you and Bishop Tuell on March 23 in St. Louis. It was exceedingly helpful to explore with you the concept of the Missionary Conference structure as defined in the **Book of Discipline** and to seek to understand its functions and relationships in terms of present experience and the respective histories. Some very important questions were raised, as well as differences recognized.

During the months ahead the National Division will be discussing ways whereby we can be mutually supportive of each other fulfilling the missional tasks. The staff will be meeting next week followed by a two day meeting of the Program Planning and Missional Development Committee. This committee composed of Board and staff members will examine the programmatic thrust of the Division and ways of facilitating and implementing the function of the National Division as mandated by the General Conference."

It is interesting to note that as the National Boards and agencies of the church are going through restructure, so is the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. They are combining and have a new name: United Methodist Women. They have stated their "Grand Objective" in mission to be "a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expound concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

In Alaska, our women have been busy preparing their units for transition. Each local church has the freedom to restructure its women's organization as it desires under some general guideline for the local event. Miss Murdin Wood, West Coast regional co-ordinator has been in Alaska and visited most of our women's groups. Mrs. Howard DeVore was appointed chairman of a

state-wide committee to give guidance to the change over and at a west-coast regional meeting, she and her committee were highly commended for the effective way they are carrying out their assignment.

Rev. Raymond Baines, the American Indian Ombudsman, has spent a total of five weeks in the greater Anchorage area studying how best the church can serve the needs of the natives in this area. He has developed an all-native advisory committee and they have submitted a list of recommendations and a budget for the hiring of a native pastor to work on an ecumenical basis.

The Pastor's and Wives Retreat held February 13-16, was lengthened one day to co-ordinate it with the first Annual Palmer Symposium sponsored by A.M.U. Out of this experience has come a desire for some format that will continue the pastor's wives retreat fellowship, cooperate with the Palmer Symposium, develop continuing education courses for credit, and show some of this on an ecumenical base. This is quite an order but, the new dean, Tom Whitehead, is in the process of developing a plan. With the coming of the new responsibilities of the Missionary Conference, the committee on the Ministry is taking on increased responsibilities.

Rev. Leon Blackman, Crusade Director, Finance and Field Service, conducted five crusades in the greater Anchorage area last fall. His final report to me March 1, 1973, indicated that the churches involved made gains in their total giving for budget, building fund or debt reduction for 1973 over 1972 all the way from 2% to 61% for a total gain of 27% for the five churches and a dollar gain of \$30,920. In an evaluation meeting of the pastors involved after all Crusades were completed, they recommend that we not try a statewide Crusade, as we had anticipated for the Fall of 1973.

The Program Council reconsidered their original recommendation and have invited the Rev. Edmund Warne, Conference Crusade Director, Finance and Field Service, to present his plan for Stewardship education across Alaska the last week of September and the first week of October.

The Advance Program of the United Methodist Church is, this year, celebrating its 25th Anniversary of service. During these twenty-five years, it has provided over \$175,000,000 to the mission of Jesus Christ. Equally important, it has allowed millions of people in thousands of congregations to participate in those particular aspects of mission that are of special concern to them. The Alaska Missionary Conference has been a recipient of Advance Gifts through these 25 years, and in a small way contributed to Advance giving. In recognition of our gratitude a special time has been set aside in the Program Council presentation to express our thanks.

In concluding this section, let me quickly focus on a few more developments of note. As I travel the state, I am very aware that in a number of our communities Key '73 is very much alive in individual churches and co-operative ventures. The Bishop's call for peace and the Self-Development of Peoples has been dealt with in some of our churches. A number of volunteers, both youth and adults, have served for a few weeks, one family for a month, and two young college graduates a year at such places as Ketchikan, Juneau, Douglas, Alaska Children's Services, Nome Church, and Nome Community Center. Rev. and Mrs. Willert Zahl are spending their last year before retirement on a sabbatical leave giving half of their time to Alaska. May their tribe increase.



Mr. Wischmeier giving his Report

THIS TOOK PLACE

Effective July 1, 1972, Bishop W. Maynard Sparks transferred Rev. David Fison of Fairbanks to St. John, Anchorage and Rev. Howard DeVore of St. John to Fairbanks. On October 1, 1972, Rev. Charles Horner asked to terminate his pastorate in Ketchikan and effective November 1st, 1972 Bishop Jack M. Tuell transferred Rev. James Fellers from Soldotna-North Star to Ketchikan. Effective December 1, 1972 Bishop Jack Tuell transferred Rev. August Aamodt from Director of Youth Work at Polk Street United Methodist Church, Amarillo, Texas to Soldotna - North Star. Effective May 1, 1973 Rev. Gary Lueck was transferred to his home conference, Minnesota, and appointed by Bishop Wayne K. Clymer to Epworth United Methodist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Rev. and Mrs. Gene Groves returned to Chicago on the death of LaRae's brother, John Atwood. Rev. John Shaffer attended the funeral of his brother, Paul Shaffer of Paxton, Illinois who died on November 13, 1972 and James Fellers attended the funeral of his grandfather, who died in Oklahoma City, December 2, 1972.

In parsonage homes in Alaska this year there were three births. On June 24, 1972, Tamie Marie came to make her home with Bruce and Kathleen Bartel; on October 17, 1972, Jennifer Faye was born to James and Faye Fellers; and on January 27, 1973, Kester Lueck was born to Gary and Pirouska Lueck.

Early last Summer the new addition to the Wesleyan Nursing Home was completed and on July 2 an impressive dedication service was held. Miss Betty Letzig represented the National Division and Mrs. Harry Haines of

Portland, Oregon represented the Women's Division. Dr. F. J. Phillips, long time consultant to the hospital, gave the dedication talk tracing the many firsts in T. B. medical history performed in this historic hospital and its predecessor, the Seward Sanatorium.

This year two staff members of the Special Service Division of the National Division have left the division. Rev. Albert Adams retired on July 31, 1972 and Dr. Harry Komuro was appointed by Bishop Charles Golden as of January 1, 1973 to First United Methodist Church, Honolulu, after almost ten years service to the National Division. As of June 1, Dr. Bernard Cook, of the Personnel Department, will be leaving the National Division. We in Alaska, have appreciated working with them. Thanks to Walt and Lydia Hays for their ten years of creative and dedicated service to Alaska and we wish them well as they take up their new work in Hawaii.

On February 9, the Mission Office said goodbye to another one of its skilled secretaries, Gretchen Dombecki, but have replaced her with an equally capable secretary, Bonnie Steenrod. My personal thanks to John Tindell and Howard DeVore for the splendid service they have given the Mission as directors of the Program Council.

On December 31, 1972 the Initial Reserve Fund for our pension program was credited with \$3,936 from a Disability and Survivors Benefit Refund. Nationally a reserve was built up beyond what was needed and refunds were made to the participating conference. This will be a help to us to achieve increasing our pension rate.

This has been a year when many churches have tried to create membership roll integrity. The turn over in Alaska is rapid and it is difficult at best to keep an accurate membership roll. Thus we report a net loss of 673 members. Even though the Mission Conference has fewer members statistically than last year, I feel our churches are really stronger in many ways than a year ago. What really disturbs me is our continual drop in those received on profession of faith from 103 in 1970, 96 last year to 73 this.

Last year our committee on Ministerial Training recommended Mr. Thomas Lenhart for the local preacher's license and the on-trial relationship and deacon's orders from the Pacific-Northwest Conference, pursuant to his completion of one year of theological school. He enrolled in Garrett Theological Seminary and should be received on trial at this session of the Pacific-Northwest Conference. The Turnagain United Methodist Church on January 4, 1973 recommended Arthur Knight for a license to preach. He will be appearing before our committee on Ministerial Training at this session of Conference.

CONCLUSION

When Napoleon was a very young officer in the French Army, he was ordered to command a battery of some 2,000 men in the siege at Toulon against "the little Gibraltar". He was one of the first to see the importance of artillery, and he ordered those primitive, crude weapons to be set up well within the range of fire from the fortress. Some of the other officers thought that the soldiers would not committ themselves to such an attack because it was too dangerous. But, Napoleon fired their courage with his own, and he gave them a title that instilled fierce pride and determination in them. He called them "the battery of men without fear."

Those early disciples belonged to "the battery of men without fear". So did the early missionaries who came to Alaska. May we all be worthy, both lay persons and clergy alike, of our great Mission heritage.

D. Other Reports, Recommendations, Rulings, and Actions of the Conference

1. RULING OF BISHOP TUELL CONCERNING ASSOCIATE AND AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

In response to the written request of Rev. John J. Shaffer for a ruling on the question of the eligibility of affiliate and associate members of a local church to be members of the administrative board, charge conference or church conference of that local church, the prior ruling of Missionary Conference Superintendent Ac Wischmeier is affirmed. My ruling is that neither affiliate nor associate members (Par. 126, 1972 Discipline) are entitled to vote in the administrative board, charge conference or church conference of that local church where they hold such limited membership.

Membership in a local United Methodist Church is defined in Par. 108 of the 1972 Discipline to include "all baptized persons who have come into membership by confession of faith or transfer and whose names have not been removed from the membership rolls by reason of death, transfer, withdrawal or removal for cause." It is clear that persons who take advantage of the special category of affiliate or associate members do not come within this definition: that is, they become an affiliate or associate member neither by confession of faith nor by transfer, the two methods included in the definition of church membership set forth in Par. 108. In fact, Par. 126 providing for affiliate membership makes clear that a person must be a member of the United Methodist Church before he can even qualify as an affiliate member elsewhere. It also makes clear that a person cannot become an associate member unless he is already a member of a church of another denomination.

Thus, the term "member of the local church" has a well understood meaning when used in the Discipline and the term is not inclusive of affiliate and associate members.

This becomes crucial in view of Paragraph 149, the last paragraph describing membership on the Administrative Board where this phrase occurs: "All shall be members of the local church." The intent of the Discipline seems clear that this means regular members and not those in the special categories of affiliate and associate membership.

It follows from this that the same rule would apply to membership on the Charge Conference since Paragraph 144.2 provides that all members of the Administrative Board shall be members of the Charge Conference.

Paragraph 147 providing for the Church Conference "extending the vote to all local church members present at such meetings." Again, "local church members" is defined by Paragraph 108, and does not include affiliate or associate members.

It is contended that the phrase giving affiliate and associate members the "right to participate in activities, including the holding of office," insures that these persons have a right to be on the policy-making bodies of the church. I think that this does not follow and if the General Conference had intended that they could have made it clear. There are many offices a person can hold in a local church other than being a member of the policy making bodies.

The most important policies and most weighty decisions of a local church are made by the Administrative Board, the Charge Conference, or the Church Conference. The full members of that local church ought to carry these grave responsibilities and not have these matters determined by persons who have not cast their full lot with them.

If affiliate or associate members are held to have all the right of a regular member then a person could be a voting member of the policy making bodies of two churches at the same time. I cannot believe the General Conference intended such a result. The ruling of Superintendent Ac Wischmeier is affirmed.

2. BISHOP TUELL'S RULING ON THE QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

In response to the request of Rev. Howard DeVore for a ruling on the question of whether members of the Alaska Missionary Conference must be members of the United Methodist Church, I refer to Paragraph 655 of the 1972 Discipline which reads as follows:

"A Missionary Conference shall be organized in the same manner and with the same rights and powers as the Annual Conference, but with the following exceptions: . . . (4) A Missionary Conference may include in its membership representation of such mission agencies within its boundaries as it deems advisable; provided such representation shall not exceed a number equal to one-third of the total membership of the Missionary Conference.

1. It is clear from this paragraph that while the general rule is that Missionary Conferences are structured in the same way as Annual Conferences, there are several exceptions. One of these is Par. 655.4 providing for representation of Mission agencies since this is clearly an exception, the rules governing qualifications for representation of mission agencies to Missionary Conferences. Therefore, since no qualifications are set forth in Paragraph 655.4 for such representatives and since such paragraph provides that the missionary conferences may include such representatives as it seems advisable, the matter of qualifications for persons in this category of representation is solely in the hands of the missionary conference.

My ruling, therefore, is that nothing in the Book of Discipline requires representatives of mission agencies to the mission conference to be members of the United Methodist Church.

(2) A second category of membership in missionary conferences is that of lay members from local churches. This category is governed by the rules for Annual Conferences under the provision of Par. 655 that "Missionary Conferences shall be organized in the same manner and with the same rights and powers as Annual Conferences" and no exception is stated for this category.

Therefore, the constitution of the United Methodist Church governs this category of membership. Par. 36 (as amended from time to time) provides that lay members "shall have been for four years preceding their election members of one of the constituent churches forming this union or of the United Methodist Church and for one year next preceeding their election as a member of the charge they are to represent."

Therefore it is my ruling that the Discipline requires that lay members representing pastoral charges in a Missionary Conference be members of the United Methodist Church.

(3) A third category of membership in Missionary Conferences is ministerial. This, too, is governed, in general, by provisions for such membership in Annual Conferences. Par. 36 of the constitution provides "The Annual Conference shall be composed of ministerial members as defined by the General Conference. . . ." While such ministerial members are ordinarily considered members of the United Methodist Church, the General Conference has in Par. 376.6 extended its definition of ministerial members to include under certain circumstances, a minister in good standing in another denomination. Thus, when a minister of another denomination properly qualifies under Par. 376.6, he is accorded all the duties and privileges of an associate member of an Annual Conference, except security of employment.

Therefore, it is my ruling that when a minister of another denomination properly qualifies under Par. 376.6, that he may vote in a missionary conference in the same way as an associate member of an Annual Conference.

To summarize, in response to the request for a ruling on the question, "must members of the Alaska Missionary Conference be members of the United Methodist Church?", representatives of mission agencies under Par. 655 need not be unless so required by the Missionary Conference itself; lay members representing pastoral charges must be; and ministerial members must be unless they qualify under Par. 376.6.

3. REPORT OF THE BASIC SALARY STRUCTURE COMMITTEE (NOW THE COMMITTEE ON EQUITABLE SALARY)

Jack Townshend, Chairperson

By action of the 1972 Annual Conference, the Basic Salary Structure Committee, composed of lay persons and clergy picked from the Program Council, was requested to:

- a) Set up criteria for self-supporting churches.
- b) Define what is needed to be a self-supporting church in terms of:
 1. Membership.
 2. Pastor's salary and fringe benefits;
 3. Budgetary faithfulness;
 4. Funded programs on the local level.

Members of the committee were: Jack Townsend, Chairperson; John Shaffer, Secretary; Jean Stassel, Gene Groves.

Staff members were: Ac Wischmeier, John Tindell.

To encourage input from every local church, a questionnaire was sent to each pastor and lay leader, which resulted in only about one-half of the churches responding. An effort was made by this committee to involve the churches on the local level in the decision-making process.

Three sub-committees were established: Minimum Salary and Fringe Benefit, Gene Groves, Chairperson; Office Standards, John Shaffer, Chairperson; and Parsonage Standards, John Tindell, Chairperson. These committees produced the major portion of the information used. These meetings of the

committee as a whole were held in Anchorage and several sub-committee meetings with lay persons and pastors were held in the Juneau, Fairbanks, and Anchorage areas.

CRITERIA FOR SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCH

As a Missionary Conference we receive with appreciation the following items from the Board of Global Ministries: Furloughs for pastors and their families; Emergency Travel Funds; Moving Expenses; the major share of the Mission Conference Superintendent's salary and office expenses; the major share of the Annual Missionary Conference expenses. These items are not included in the budget as listed in this report.

- a) Membership—a minimum of 200 members.
- b) Financial Standing—(1) Payment of all required apportionments of the Alaska Missionary Conference. (2) Self-supporting budget (i.e. payment of all operating expenses and required debt retirement provided by members pledges and giving). (3) Ministerial support . . . payment of salary at the basic level, car expense, and health insurance and pension as set by the Conference.
- c) Program—(1) Adequate funding for programs administered by the Council of Ministries, at a minimum level to be established by the Conference Superintendent annually. (2) 10% of the total church budget, not including debt retirement, be used for mission (including Advance Specials, Special Offerings, and World Service and Conference Benevolences). (3) An Annual Every Member Visitation program or equivalent financial effort, to adequately underwrite the budget.
- d) Facilities—(1) Maintain a parsonage substantially in conformity with the guidelines, and appropriate to the needs of the specific community and church program. (2) Maintain an office substantially in conformity with the guidelines.

The Mission Conference Superintendent will interpret these provisions as his discretion dictates, with the intention that the facilities provided in all communities served by the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church adhere to fair minimum standards.

Churches meeting the above listed criteria will be considered "self-supporting" churches, and will be permitted to adopt a salary structure for their minister(s) above the base salary level. On January 1, 1977 all churches not achieving self-supporting status are not permitted to continue a salary structure that is in excess of the base salary level, nor are they required to pay an amount equal to that amount.

PARSONAGE GUIDELINES

Property-Ownership: If a parsonage is provided, it should be owned by the local charge or a Board of Trustees of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Also, flexibility should be allowed so that a pastor and congregation can work out an arrangement whereby a housing allowance is provided in lieu of a parsonage.

The House: Four bedrooms; a basement with exit where possible; house plan should be flexible to allow for differing size families; family room, two bathrooms; adequate storage; large living room; adequate weather-stripping and insulation; screens on windows that open; double garage, not necessarily heated; dining area suitable for family and entertaining; sit down eating space in the kitchen; a fireplace would be a desirable feature.

Location: Not by or in the church. Preferably within walking distance of the church building but not more than 3 miles away.

Furnishings: Household personal items should be provided by the parsonage family. Heavy furniture and major appliances should be provided by the church including: beds, tables, chairs, divan, freezer, washer and dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, disposal, chests and dressers, drapes and floor coverings, lawnmower, fire extinguisher.

Appliances and Furnishings Allowance: Each parsonage family shall have available to them \$500 each appointive year to be used at their discretion for appliances and furnishings as listed above. In the first year of appointment this amount shall be available at the time of arrival of the parsonage family where possible.

Maintenance Fund: A revolving fund of \$500 shall be available for maintenance repairs and upkeep as becomes necessary and as authorized by the trustees. For most churches this should be a trust account drawn on when needed, not necessarily budgeted in full each year.

Insurance: Replacement value of the parsonage should be the guide for insurance coverage. Insurance on the pastor's personal items should be provided by the pastor.

Parsonage Committee: This committee should have an informal visit with the pastor and family at least once annually to review parsonage needs and existing conditions.

Utilities: Full cost of utilities are to be provided for each parsonage.

An Encouragement To All: We recognize that comfortable surroundings in the home contribute to the happiness, health and effectiveness of the parsonage family and the pastor in his work for the whole church. We know that each parish will do its very best in providing such a home.

OFFICE GUIDELINES

Space: At least 2 rooms (1 for pastor and 1 for general office) with minimum of 300 square feet, properly lighted with some daylight and good artificial lighting, properly heated, and properly ventilated.

Equipment: Furniture, including office desk, office chair, and other chairs; typewriter, preferably with long carriage; mimeograph or duplicator with associated equipment; addressing equipment; folding machine; filing cabinets for letter filing and card filing; closets and cupboards for keeping supplies such as stencils, paper, ink, audio-visual aids, etc.; telephone, adding machine, fire-rated safe or filing cabinet for records and legal papers; waste-basket; bookshelves.

Function: This space would be used for transacting church business, counseling, study, and also for small group meetings. Preparing church bulletins; writing letters; sending out news and announcements; preparing publicity for press, radio, and church records; helping with work of financial secretary and treasurer.

Secretary: Minimum for any charge—part-time voluntary secretary to full-time salaried secretary service to support the above service and to assist the pastor in as much paper work as possible. Role would be that of a coordinator and scheduler for the local church. Support should be adequate for volume of work.

BASIC SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS

- 1) Establish the base salary for 1974 at \$7,930.00, Alaska base, with the following adjustments:
 - a. Southeast Alaska and the Anchorage area at the Alaska base.
 - b. Kenai Peninsula at four percent above the base.
 - c. Fairbanks at eight percent above the base.
 - d. Nome at twenty-four percent above the base.

If all the churches in Alaska were on the base salary (we recognize that the presently "self-supporting" churches are above base), the base salary for Southeastern and Anchorage would be \$7,930; for the Kenai Peninsula would be \$8,247; for Fairbanks would be \$8,564; and for Nome would be \$9,833.

- 2) Establish a yearly salary increase of \$100 per service year from the time of On-Trial Relationship to a Conference, provided that no more the 20 years total time will be allowed. With 20 years service, a man will be \$2,000 above the minimum salary.
- 3) Car Allowance: \$1,600 maximum unless there is a reasonable justification for a larger amount.
- 4) Adjustment: Every year the World Service and Finance Commission shall evaluate and adjust the salary and car allowance using as a guideline the cost of living index for the previous two years as determined by the Department of Labor, Office of Information for the various parts of Alaska.
- 5) Pensions: Maintain pensions at the present rate until recommendatoinis are received from World Service and Finance Commission.
- 6) Health Insurance: Maintain the 50-50 ratio of insurance payment—the minister pay half and the church pay half.
- 7) Continuing Education: Recommend that the Annual Conference set up a study Commission on the policy for the Alaska Missionary Conference on continuing education, and to seek out funding and establish policies, and bring a report to the annual conference in 1974.
- 8) The Conference shall appeal to the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries for a block grant to enable the Conference to pay the \$100 per service year rate beginning in January 1974; that, failing that, the Mission Superintendent shall be authorized to reduce the service year amount to \$50 or such figure as is financially feasible, for 1974 only. The goal for negotiations with the National Division shall be the table, as prepared by David Rosen, and printed under No. 10 following.
- 9) No person's salary shall be less than that of the previous year.

10) BASIC SALARY STRUCTURE PROPOSAL FOR THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

Name/Town	(1) Yrs. Exp.	(2) Alaska Base	(3) Area Adj.	(4) Exper. Adj.	Basic Salary Proposal
August Aamodt, Soldotna-North Star	22	\$9700	\$388	\$2000	\$12088
Bruce Bartel, Kenai	8	9700	388	800	10888
Robert Bowers, Anchor Park, Anc.	15	9700	—	1500	11200
Howard DeVore, Fairbanks	23	9700	776	2000	12476
James Fellers, Ketchikan	6	9700	—	600	10300
David Fison, St. John, Anc.	19	9700	—	1900	11600
Eugene Groves, Chugiak	14	9700	—	1400	11100
Donald Hartman, Sitka	14	9700	—	1400	11100
Richard Morrison, Jewel Lake	6	9700	—	600	10300
Robert Nelson, Fairbanks	11	9700	776	1100	11576
John Shaffer, Juneau	13	9700	—	1300	11000
John Tindell, East Anchorage	14	9700	—	1400	11100
William Trudeau, Nome	8	9700	2328	800	12828
Boon White, First, Anchorage	19	9700	—	1900	11600
Thomas Whitehead, Turnagain	17	9700	—	1700	11400
Ac Wischmeier, Superintendent	35	9700	—	3500	13200
Keith Wise, Homer	11	9700	388	1100	11188
Max Cramer, Seward	22	9700	388	2000	12088

- (1) Above figures based upon "on trial" date in the pastoral record of the Journal.
- (2) Total budget for a 4-person family in Anchorage, Alaska, (Intermediate level of living) after deletion of the cost of housing and transportation, January 1, 1973.
- (3) Using the geographical factors provided in the 1973 Pre-Conference Handbook.
- (4) Allowing \$100 for each year of experience from the date the Minister went on trial.



Kathie Whitehead, Youth Delegate presents the youth council formation legislation to Conference.



Kathie Whitehead talks things over with Fairbanks Delegate, Joe Alter

4. LEGISLATION FOR THE FORMATION OF THE ANCHORAGE AND ALASKA STATE YOUTH COUNCILS

A. THE ANCHORAGE YOUTH COUNCIL

1. A Greater Anchorage Area Youth Council shall be set up. This Council would include 2 youth representatives from each United Methodist Church in Anchorage and two from any other church in the Anchorage Area which would like to belong.
2. This council would start out under the guidance of a United Methodist minister delegated this responsibility annually by the Alaska Missionary Conference, starting in 1973.
3. This Council will be responsible for:
 - a) Co-ordinating some programs on both local and area-wide levels.
 - b) Co-ordinating area-wide retreats.
 - c) Providing a sharing place for programs in the local churches.
 - d) Provide advice on how monies allotted to youth programs in the Greater Anchorage Area should be spent.
 - e) Select and have final decision power as to what persons are brought to the Anchorage Area to lead youth workshops, youth studies and youth leadership training.
 - f) This council will nominate and elect one United Methodist youth delegate-at-large for Annual Conference.
4. This Council shall evaluate itself each year and report its findings to Annual Conference.

B. ALASKA STATE YOUTH COUNCIL

1. An Alaska State Youth Council will be composed of 1 youth representative from each recognized church and institution in the Alaska Missionary Conference. This person will be elected by the local youth group or other governing bodies in the church or institution and in that order.
2. There shall be one meeting of the Council annually, immediately before Annual Conference.
3. There shall be an advisory minister delegated by the Alaska Missionary Conference whose responsibility it is to sit on and help organize the Youth Annual Meeting.
4. The Council's responsibility shall be:
 - a. To select a president who will be a delegate to Annual Conference.
 - b. To elect the second youth-delegate at large to the Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference.
 - c. To advise how monies for the youth activities of the Conference shall be spent.
 - d. To advise as to what people will be used for resource people to advise youth, lead workshops and lead retreats and studies.
 - e. To provide a sharing place and sounding board for ideas and programs.

E. Reports of the Churches, Institutions and Agencies of the Conference

1. REPORTS OF THE CHURCHES OF THE CONFERENCE



Fairbanks U.M.C. — One of our 22 Churches

A. ANCHORAGE, ANCHOR PARK

Bob Bowers, Pastor

When the annual report was made last year, Anchor Park had just completed a Lay Witness Mission. The result of that Mission was renewal within the church and a year-long emphasis upon small sharing groups, three of which functioned this whole year with varying degrees of success and accomplishment.

Under the leadership of our youth coordinator this year's youth program functioned very well on both Junior High and Senior High levels. The youth were very active this year in worship and in other areas of church program.

They held two retreats and numerous activities. After an evaluation, the same team of youth leaders will continue the youth program through the Summer and give a fresh burst of steam to things in the Fall.

In November, the Stewardship Emphasis climaxed three months of preparation by taking in twice as many pledges as had previously been made at Anchor Park. Nearly all projected needs were subscribed by the pledges. Old debts have been paid and the church is working hard towards meeting its mortgage obligations and towards systematizing its stewardship and finance efforts.

This has been the year of choirs. The children's, youth and Sanctuary choirs greatly enhanced both the Advent and Lenten worship by special music and cantatas. The Children's and Youth Choirs were hosts for this year's Festival of Choirs sponsored by Anchorage Area United Methodist Churches. Choir Recognition Sunday was a treat for those worshipping as all three choirs performed in a jazz cantata using Noah's Ark as the theme, "100% Chance of Rain."

The United Methodist Women came into being during 1973 and the active group has helped greatly in the program of the local church through three monthly groups, a Mother-daughter banquet and other activities.

The Church School has had able leadership this year. We are concerned about mediocre attendance in proportion to our numerical size and are seeking for ways to surmount this problem. The bright light in church school has been the development of a new class for young-married adults, the Friendship Class. This class with spirit and enthusiasm has taken over the church library, moved it to a new location, decorated the room and provided a very meaningful library for the church. In addition, they were responsible for Christmas scene outdoors. The other adult class has also taken upon itself to work with enthusiasm and concern. They redecorated and refurbished the nursery so that it is a delightful place for children to come.

All in all this has been a good year at Anchor Park. Next year will be even better as we seek to find ways to make the Christian experience a living reality in the hearts and lives of our people.

B. ANCHORAGE - EAST ANCHORAGE

John Tindell, Pastor

Significant events of the past year at East Anchorage Church include continuation of three active Koinonia Groups involving 35 adults, landscaping of the church property involving just over \$5000 in expenditures, development of building plans and the securing of a \$94,500 loan with which a new addition to the church can be built, and a well-attended ecumenical worship service involving Immanuel Presbyterian Pastor Hal Banks. Also, organizationally a new pattern was instigated. The Administrative Board and Council on Ministries have met quarterly on the same evening preceeded by a meeting of a newly created Coordinating Council including the Lay Leader, the Council on Ministries Chairman, the Administrative Board Co-Chairman, the Finance Committee Chairman and the Pastor. This pattern has resulted in better attendance at the organizational meetings.

Two youth groups have been active and senior highs have led Sunday worship

The W.S.C.S. has been re-organized into United Methodist Women. An exciting activity circle meeting weekly has had warm fellowship and has worked on items for a winter bazaar.

The pastor led a six member sixth and seventh grade Confirmation Class during the school year. The group was confirmed on May 20th.

Social Concern Co-Chairmen are currently working on a method of transporting young adult native Alaskan leaders from their homes to a training opportunity at the Kaloa Building in downtown Anchorage. We have assisted with the CME Church's alcoholic Rehabilitation drop-in Center.

We have had a lot of action. We look forward to more.

C. ANCHORAGE, FIRST

Boone White, Pastor

Boone and Nancy White and family came to serve First United Methodist Church, Anchorage in June 1972. A decision was made to change from two pastors to only one in the interests of economy.

On June 15th a new completely furnished parsonage was purchased at 2112 Esquire Drive in the lovely Forest Park area. It has 5 bedrooms, family room, double garage and nice yard. Cost was \$64,000. The old parsonage on L Street was sold for \$60,000. This was a tremendous improvement for very little cost to the church.

A single worship service was scheduled in the interests of unifying the congregation. Free dinners were served during the Summer to all visitors after Sunday worship during which a presentation was made about Methodism in Alaska. Frequently we had 50 or more visitors who attended on a given Sunday.

Early in the Fall the church bought a new Allan organ. The nearly new \$10,000 organ was purchased for \$6,000 from a couple moving "outside" and was completely paid for by Christmas time. Speakers are to be installed this Summer in their permanent location.

A major project this year has been developing plans for the replacement of Baxter Hall. In October three lots were sold at the corner of 9th and H for \$237,000 (10% down and the balance drawing 7% interest until paid in full on May 15th, 1973). The quarter of a million realized from this sale will be used to pay off a \$90,000 note to the Board of Missions and build a new educational wing. Plans have been developed for an addition containing a kitchen, social hall and classrooms. Baxter Hall was used for church school the last time on May 13th. All furnishings were moved to the basement of the sanctuary and a contract signed to demolish Baxter Hall beginning May 15th. The removal of the old building is to be completed by June 15, when construction on the new wing will begin. Church School is discontinued during the construction period.

As part of the over-all plan, the church offices were moved to the West end of the sanctuary and redecorated. Two new rooms were built under the balcony, one to be used as a cry room and the other a classroom and bride's room. The church school office moved to the small room used formerly by the church secretary, and the former pastor's office was made into a nursery so that child care could continue during construction. It is also planned later to construct two large rooms in the basement under the narthex.

Several administrative changes in the use of church property has helped overcome the financial crisis which faced the church a year ago. The parking lot and white house, which was costing the church upkeep and utilities was

traded for janitorial services and week-day parking, which now realize about \$500 a month to the church. All bills, including back payments on loans to the Board of Missions, are paid in full. We owe nothing to anyone!

A program of visitation of the membership has been carried out. Over 200 were dropped from inflated records (over 200 were reported in the journal for whom the church had no names.) As each family is visited an information card is filled out in an effort to secure accurate and adequate data on members. From this data a preparatory membership roll will be developed. No such roll exists at present. All members are being contacted: inactive persons are being urged to make some new commitment to the church. It is our goal to restore integrity and discipline to the meaning of church membership. A financial drive was also carried out during November in conjunction with several other Anchorage congregations.

The leadership of the church has been largely replaced several times this year. Nearly our entire church school staff was transferred "outside" during the Summer. We have had 4 different treasurers and 4 different Superintendents of the Church School this year. Moral picked up noticeably by Christmas. Every officer contacted agreed to serve during 1973 and we had 100% attendance at our orientation meetings.

The youth programs have grown over the last year and are maintaining good attendance and participation in a variety of programs. The United Methodist Women have re-organized and have designed new banners for the sanctuary as one of their projects. Rev. White has held Sunday evening studies throughout the year in a "Lay Academy Program". A large adult class meets every Sunday morning.

We have had some bleak days—when burglars stole nearly \$1,000 of the Church's silver service—when a transient made over \$700 in unauthorized long distance phone calls for which we had to foot the bill—when all the doors froze shut and windows frosted over in Baxter Hall during the cold weather in January. But the church has weathered through a critical time and is stronger and has a growing and vital spirit. It has been a hard year with many difficult decisions, but it has been a good year with the congregation pulling together, taking responsibility, for being the Church of Jesus Christ in the center of Anchorage.

D. ANCHORAGE, TRI-ANCHOR ECUMENICAL PARISH

Tom Whitehead, Tom Handley and Richard Morrison, Pastors

This has been a year of solidification for the Tri-Anchor Ecumenical Parish. For one thing, we now have a name! For another, we called Dick Morrison to serve as a third staff person. He joins Tom Handley of Trinity United Presbyterian Church and Tom Whitehead of Turnagain United Methodist.

The three churches have found greater meaning and strength in joint programming this year. The Summer program featured Wednesday Church School, Day Camping, Creative Worship Experiences, and family outings on an intra-church basis. In January after a small group forum, four small groups were established across church lines. Turnagain was the basic contributor to the clientel, but the six weeks proved deeply meaningful for the thirty-five people involved.

The highlight of the year was the Lenten program. Throughout Lent guilds were formed. These guilds allowed people to express their talents and



Richard Morrison, Minister of Education and Youth Work, Tri-Anchor Ecumenical Parish.

faith through various arts and crafts. Guild night the Sunday after Easter provided an exhibition for the 150 participants and the presentation of **THE CONCRETE CITY** by the Drama Guild. The large number of people participating from all three churches and the format provided the best opportunity so far for intra-church communication. We discovered again that we can do things together that no one of us could do independently.

Dick Morrison is the greatest concrete symbol of the larger parish commitment. Called by a committee representing all three churches, and serving all three as our Minister of Education, Dick's salary is being paid by Jewel Lake. Tom Handley and Tom Whitehead continue to be the preaching, administrative and pastoral ministers for Jewel Lake. The educational work of the three churches is being done on an increasingly cooperative basis. Both youth groups are meeting parish-wide, and teacher training and adult education is being done more and more on a parish-wide basis.

The staff meeting of the ministers provides a creative environment for church development that has benefitted both the parish and the local churches. We are convinced that what we are doing may hold the key to the future of the Church in Alaska.

Turnagain United Methodist Church . . . This has been a year of excitement and vitality within the church. October was marred by extensive vandalism, but new carpeting and paint have erased such scars. November we cooperated with a finance crusade for the Anchorage area and since then have seen the first rise in financial support for the past four years.

Probably the strongest gains this past year have been in the areas of the church's spirit. Programs during Advent and for adult groups in the church have been well supported and have shown good vitality. The church has initiated a jail ministry to the Alaska State Jail and continues to give a dis-

proportionate amount of leadership to FISH. Study opportunities have been strong this year and the administration of the church has been in the hands of the laymen, and creative program and quest for mission have been the result. An increase in new member families this Spring and a strong program for the Summer are indications that the present growth trends will continue.

Jewel Lake Ecumenical Church . . . Jewel Lake has three meaningful developments this past year. Dick Morrison's addition to the staff has helped immensely; the congregation's internal life has become much stronger and we rejoice at the community of concern that has evidenced itself as the members of this relatively new congregation come to know each other; finally, there is the obvious growth in the leadership of the church by its laymen. Seven new members this Spring mark the strongest statistical growth since the church's beginnings just over a year ago.

Jewel Lake has incorporated the insights of two local church governmental systems into one governing body and successfully called a minister, developed program, and been responsive to both denominations. Only the larger parish structure could have provided on-going program of a high quality while the organizational and evangelical task was being carried out by Jewel Lake.

Dick Morrison has been a positive addition not only to the larger parish, but to Jewel Lake. His call, and full recognition by both denominations is an indication that administrative differences between United Methodists and Presbyterians need not stand in the way of full cooperation and even organizational union.

E. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FAIRBANKS

Howard L. DeVore, Pastor

A new book just off the press comes too late to benefit the new minister of this congregation but his experience would commend reading it because the author attempts to enable understanding when a minister is appointed to a new church. This has been a year of "getting to know you" and adaptation. With keen observation a minister's wife commented, "It is interesting how you ministers attempt to change a church over into your image." Fairbanks is a church of such independent spirit that transformation comes only with studied judgement.

Knowing this congregation is to come into deep appreciation of the commitment and talent of her people. The Lay Leader, Dr. Robert Terry, has proved very effective in his own office and has faithfully persisted in the involvement of other lay persons in church leadership. Every Sunday he enlists a person or couple to assist the Pastor in worship. Other members of the Administrative Board are included as participants in the regular informational and orientation sessions held for persons desiring membership in the church. Through Usher chairman, Keith Sworts, many adults, youth, and children share responsibilities for greeters, ushers, and acolytes. The ministry of music is supported by all those who participate in the Interpretive Choir, composed of junior high girls; the Church Choir of adults and youth; the Handbell Choir of families and singles; and the children's Choir. The contribution of Diana Terry, Music Director, has been matched only by the often expressed appreciation of the congregation as she has enriched worship and special occasions with a blend of the traditional and the contemporary. Choir directors Anne Tiedemann and Jean Sworts and Organists Sandra Langland, Karleen Kennedy and Robert Baldwin contribute immeasurably to the Sunday celebrations.

Wider involvement of people resulted from the Lab training for Board and Council by Aleen Sanborn and Wayne Lindecker of Nashville. Where the Lay Leader had performed three functions, Shirley DeVries became Board Chairman and Jim Murray Council Chairman. With improved agendas and clearer goals, attendance at monthly meetings increased by one-hundred per cent. More decision making is taking place among the laymen and less in the church office. This year marked the inclusion of more women in the new United Methodist Women when a steering committee of WSCS, WSG, and other church women met to design the new organization. On May 21, 1973, the celebration took place and Joyce Carlson was elected President. Youth work continues strong with Jack and Linda Good serving as teachers and leaders for Sunday activities and Saturday gym nights, bike hikes, picnics, and sled-ding parties. A special youth task force of the Council was assigned responsibility for enlistment of youth workers and enabling of new youth programs. Adult groups have clustered around two Sunday classes, one in Bible and the other various selected studies. Two adult fellowship groups meet monthly. Fellowship time after church is a tradition that attracts more than half the congregation each Sunday where many church women assist Florence Erwin in hosting.

The strength of this congregation and its potential is seen in the November EMC program where pledges representing only 127 of the 500 members secured 65% of the budget. Building rentals that have constituted a noticeable portion of the budget will taper down to insignificance in mid-1973. World Service has been paid in full, the Fund for Reconciliation balance of \$550 was paid, a Rhodesian Hospital was sent \$575 for building and \$625 was sent to Nicaragua. One of three mortgages was paid off with a total of \$32,253 paid on building loans in 1972.

F. HOMER PARISH—HOMER, NINILCHIK, SELDOVIA

Keith Wise, Pastor

We arrived in Alaska on the longest day of 1972 . . . June 21st. At Homer we were greeted with a well-prepared meal and newly planted flower boxes. The parsonage had a new carpet in the living-dining area and the basement was freshly painted.

The Church Schools at Homer and Ninilchik began in September and have continued through the year with a steady attendance. The Homer church school classes visited the worship service once a month and participated with singing, drama, and art.

Our ecumenical activities included:

- Hosting and participating in the Episcopal ordination of Joe Aprill as a sacramental priest (Joe assists in the worship services and keeps in contact with Episcopal families in the Homer Area for our parish)
- Thanksgiving and Holy Thursday Communion services with Roman Catholic Churches in Homer and Ninilchik.
- Good Friday services with six Homer and Anchor Point churches.
- Community visitation in Seldovia with the Roman Catholic priest.

The Lenten Season was highlighted with six Wednesday dialogues at Homer and an early Easter service at Seldovia at 6 a.m.

Crisis counseling took the Pastor across the bay to Seldovia in snowstorms, to homesteads out miry East End Road, to the families of men lost in drowning and plane crashes, and miles up the road to Ninilchik to be with a family that lost their home via fire.

A ministry to isolated families is being started by the assistance of a tape ministry and summer "discovery packets" for families with children.

With many new families on the East End Road and the possible opening of the Lower Cook Inlet for oil drilling, the Homer Parish continues to fulfill the role of helping people to discover the meaningfulness of life lived in relationship with God and with others.

G. JUNEAU-DOUGLAS LARGER PARISH (Douglas Community United Methodist Church and Juneau United Methodist Church)

On July 5, 1972, the historic United Methodist buildings at the corner of 4th and Seward in Juneau came down in a three hour time period under the onslaught of a modern piece of machinery. Property and financial matters occupied a great deal of institutional energy in the total year: trial in December with Seattle attorney Jeremiah Long and Haines attorneys Richard Folta and Linn Asper, with final judgment being rendered in May to the tune of \$182,000; decisions on investment of the \$120,000 now on hand; and many meetings seeking directions for the future.

The "union study committee" has done much work, with the result that Northern Light United Presbyterian and Juneau United Methodist Churches have recommended that a Union Church be formed, with an invitation to the Douglas Community United Methodist Church to form a larger parish with the Union Church. Meanwhile, the two United Methodist Churches continue operating as a larger parish.

Summer guests in the parish included a work team from Druid Hills United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and Ms. Cathy Shaffer, a high school volunteer from Rantoul, Illinois.

At Douglas, we have continued to host a child-care program. Evangelism has been a strong emphasis, which has increased the stewardship and worship life of the church. Ten members from the Juneau Church have joined at Douglas.

Juneau has enjoyed a breakfast program on Sunday mornings which has provided some of the educational needs for adults, as well as enabled a deeper fellowship for all involved. Attendance has averaged forty. This creative opportunity came about when the Session of the United Presbyterian Church, who are our hosts, and the Administrative Board of Douglas both decided to have 11 a.m. worship January 1st.

The Parish Council on Ministries has had much stimulation, first with the training session for seven of us at Sitka and then with some planning sessions in the local churches.

Early in the year, the Juneau Administrative Board formed a new corporation, Alaska Serving and Caring, Inc., which has made an impact on our planning and programming. This non-profit corporation has been involved in relocation housing with \$98,000 worth of mobile homes, as well as doing feasibility studies on sheltered workshop for the handicapped.

H. KENAI, CHURCH OF THE NEW COVENANT

Bruce Bartel, Pastor

The past year has been a good year for the Church of the New Covenant. The people of the church spent a considerable amount of time evaluating the mission of the church and its program. Some excellent goals have emerged from the evaluation, and a good spirit is evident as the goals are fulfilled. Some of the highlights include:

- More small group activity in the church, especially as families. A Sunday evening informal worship with workshops following has been rewarding and exciting.
- More persons "sharing the joys and the load of church activities." A more diversified leadership has emerged.
- More activities to meet the needs of youth, Junior High through College.
- A united effort to meet the financial needs of the church. Some good strides were taken this year.
- Concern toward meeting the needs of the native youth at Wildwood (We have just scratched the surface here.)

Continued evaluation of programming and needs and opportunities should make the coming year a year of continued growth.

I. KETCHIKAN

James R. Fellers, Pastor

This has been a busy year for the Fellers and the Ketchikan Church. Actually we've only been in this liquid sunshine town since November, and we are still in the process of getting acquainted. After three and a half years in North Kenai and Soldotna, the appointment was made to head toward the tip of the Alaska panhandle. And, all of this only a few weeks after the birth of our new daughter, Jennifer Faye.

Well, this is supposed to be a report for our United Methodist community in Ketchikan, so I'd better get with it before the Secretary says I'm out of journal space. Let's quickly highlight some accomplishments of the congregation:

- Attempts at meaningful worship have included drama, dialogue in diads, electronic music, a variety of musical mediums, and wider involvement of laity in planning.
- Bruce Botelho produced a videotape dealing with racism in Ketchikan. The tape was then used in several community groups to initiate dialogue on human relations problems in town.
- Ketchikan Youth Hostel presently operating in the church building.
- Seven-lenten dinners were held involving ten to fifteen adult members each as an attempt to involve everyone in Christian community.

Well, it is the eleventh hour of Annual Meeting and the Conference Secretary looks threateningly as the deadline for reports approaches. So, I will close by saying it is a high privilege to be serving in Ketchikan and with an exciting group of God's people!

J. SEWARD - MOOSE PASS

Gary Lueck, Pastor

This report brings to a conclusion four years of working with the people of God in Alaska. Churches and congregations try to minister to people wherever they are. The congregations in Seward and Moose Pass and Cooper Landing were part of that ministry.

Seward's ministry was many-faceted: personal, growth, ecumenical ventures, community service. The personal growth was stimulated by the Key '73 Bible Study of Luke, involving both members and non-United Methodists. In addition, the United Methodist Women challenged and supported the women to greater understanding of their faith. The women remain as a pillar of strength for the church and its ministry. A youth study group met throughout the year. A cadre of five youth rose early enough to eat breakfast together at 7:00 a.m. and to study and think together. An eye-opening experience . . . and rewarding.

Seward continued its ecumenical ministry. It is still cooperating with the Episcopal Congregation in holding a joint Christian education program. The Methodists also worked together with the Lutherans and Episcopalians in conducting a four week Day Camp which reached an enrollment of 130 children. Besides the above, United Methodists supported the Community Choir, cooperative Thanksgiving and Easter services. A highlight in ecumensim were the Lutheran-United Methodist mid-week Lenten Services.

Seward Memorial Church served the community by participating in the Salmon Derby Food Booth, by serving food and opening the Fellowship Hall to 4th of July visitors and by allowing the use of the church building for community activities such as a day care Center, Community Concerts and a Community College Class.

The Moose Pass congregation took on an added responsibility in the Summer of '72. They conducted Vacation Bible School. To do so they involved many persons from the community, making it an ecumenical adventure. It was a well-run and attended school—having more children enrolled than in the local public school. Besides the regular worship experiences, the congregation held a winter study group focusing on "The Religions of Man."

The Cooper Landing study group continued to provide an interesting ministry. The ecumenical nature provides a fertile source of ideas, thoughts and inspiration. While the immediate future does not hold an option for an organized church, the study group offers an opportunity for personal growth and the community support in Christian living.

Writing this report from Minnesota offers me a perspective from which to say it was a good four years for the Lueck family. We grow not only in size—two children born in Alaska—but also in our understanding of God's will and power and love. We thank God for the opportunity we have had to work with his people in Alaska.

K. SITKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Donald Hartman, Pastor

To this pastor, it seems that the momentum of a church is in direct relation to his tenure as pastor, thus the first year is one of adjustment. The pastor is adjusting to the new location and the church to the new man. The second year is one of adaption as new programs are added to compliment what has been done in the past. The third year is one of acceleration as programs and people get into high gear. 1973 has been a year of acceleration for the Sitka pastor and congregation.

Outreach of the church has been spearheaded by laymen who are involved in positions that cause them to apply Christian principles to the job. This of course could apply to every position from school teacher to millwright. Sitka church is blessed with a physician and wife who are deeply involved in social development in the community. The church's outreach has been en-

hanced by the Director of the Sitka Alcohol Council and his Executive Assistant who are leaders in the local church. One result of their efforts was the pastor attending a Drug Education Seminar in California in August which has enabled him to be better informed and involved locally.

Innovation in worship, from Breakfast-Worship Services to the showing of filmstrips made by Senior Highs has added excitement to the worship services. The modern services are balanced by the traditional. A worship survey made in November proved the versatility of this congregation as they reported their interest in new modes of worship.

The youth program is popular with Junior Highs attending a Friday night program from 3:30 through 9:30. This involves a meal, program, and recreation. The Senior Highs have met separately on Sunday nights to do their thing, but on occasion have joined the Junior Highs for very popular weekend retreats that are held in the church. (Difficult to go anywhere else).

One could go into detail of many long-term and short-term programs, but perhaps the best method to express the high involvement is to share some meaningful figures:

Total Membership	124
Resident Members	84
Active Members	62

This means that over 73% of our local members are active, serving, living members of this church. There seems to be no middle ground for the Sitka congregation. They are either hot or cold, not lukewarm.

May 1974 see continuation of this commitment and concern.

L. SOLDOTNA-NORTH STAR

August Aamodt, Pastor

Soldotna United Methodist Church . . . Enthusiasm and excitement best describe the attitude of the members of the Soldotna Church. The membership is growing and attendance has increased significantly.

The present building is much too small. There is only one small room for church school classes and the kitchen doubles as a nursery. The lack of space and the noise level make teaching almost impossible.

Action has been taken to obtain the necessary funds to add three classrooms before school begins in the fall. It now looks as if we will be able to build the outer shell and enclose the area during our very short building season.

When more money is available and with a lot of volunteer help the project can be completed sometime in the future.

We are fortunate to have two workteams coming this summer to work with our members on a variety of very important projects around the church and parsonage.

A group of fifteen youth and adults will be coming from two Denver, Colorado Districts of the U.M.C. and another group of 25 will come from the Amarillo, Texas District.

The list of work to be done is too long to print here, but it is all essential and some of it even critical to meet needs in the coming years.

A youth center is being built in the basement of the parsonage as funds are available. A new youth program is off to a good start and grows each week as our own young people bring friends to share in the fun and fellowship.

The percentage of members who attend worship regularly is very high and their financial support of the church is generous. They do all their own janitor work and maintenance. Its another dedicated, hard-working, and struggling congregation.

North Star United Church . . . This church was organized during the "oil-boom" about five years ago. When the major part of the construction and drilling activities in the area was completed many of the residents of North Kenai moved. This exodus caused the membership of the church to decrease almost one-half.

Those members who remain are a loyal and dedicated group of Christians. They give generously to the "little church" and do all the janitorial work, maintenance, and snow removal themselves.

New life should be evident in the church next year. More oil construction will begin and many new families will be moving into the area.

In preparation for the hope-for growth, and in order to maintain the present facilities, work will be done this Summer on the trailers and land.

A major contribution will be made by a work-team of youth and adults from First United Methodist Church in Seattle. They will put new foundations under the trailers, and a storm entrance or narthex, to the sanctuary, and clean up the land around the trailers.

Working together the team and members will make a significant contribution to the value and appearance of the church trailers and property.

2. REPORTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES OF THE CONFERENCE

A. ALASKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Richard Gilbert, Executive Director

It's difficult to summarize in one page even impressions of the past year, let alone fill you in on details.

Residential Services continue to be the core of the program. Jesse Lee Home is going through some fairly radical re-thinking of its program in response to increased demand for services to adolescents. Aquarius House, our cooperative project with Church Women United, is still afloat as is North Star House, the group home for boys. Colletti House has moved into a new building in the community in order to make more space at the Emergency Shelter (Anchorage Children's Christian Home). All of Us, our street-orientated residential program is coming to the end of its funding and we are puzzling now on what to do with this program.

Youth Services have been the growing edge of the agency this year. The Youth Services grant has helped us build a really comprehensive emergency shelter and contracts with the Open Door Clinic, Anchorage Youth Council

and Dial-A-Friend are helping us contact kids before the crisis is "hot". We've also been trying to develop (without much luck) some alternatives to public school for some kids. The youth services program continues to take us into controversial areas as advocacy for the rights of children is still fairly new in Alaska. Alaska Youth Advocates (a contract agency) has managed to stir up a storm here and there. Black House is the center for a black youth development program. A native youth development program is on the drawing boards.

Family Services is both the most difficult and yet, from a social policy standpoint, the most rewarding service area. We are convinced that services for families and support structures for the maintenance of family life ought to be our highest priority agenda. Very few people who control money sources agree. Therefore, we have continual difficulty in funding family counseling, day care and foster family development programs. A more comprehensive family proposal now being considered by our Board looks even more impossible. But we hope!

In the meantime the Center for Children and Parents continues to struggle with survival issues. We hope that all the services there will make it until our nation's priorities change. The family counseling, foster family and day care programs are providing a good and needed service which we would hate to see disappear from the Anchorage scene.

The Unalaska Project has been concluded. We are pleased with the effects of the project on children in Unalaska during the course of the project. Our goals, however, were related to the long-range impact of the program and it will be impossible to evaluate until a number of months have passed. We are hoping to secure the evaluation services of Dr. Dorothy Jones of the University of Alaska for this purpose.

We appreciate our new kind of affiliation with United Methodists in Alaska and hope to be good members of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

B. ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Alaska Methodist University opened for the 13th Academic year on September 11, 1972, after a summer of intensive recruiting efforts, designed to encourage students to take advantage of the State Tuition Assistance program.

The efforts of the summer were rewarded by an enrollment of 511 full time students and well over 700 part time students, which represents approximately a 20% increase in enrollment over the previous year.

The main thrust of the year was the development of a revamped format for the University, which will result in a renewed ministry of higher education for Alaskans and others.

The University curricular programs will be expressed through four centers: The Center for Intercultural Studies; The Center for the Liberal Arts; The Center for the Environment and the Center for the Health Sciences. Each of these programs has a Planning Coordinator and implementation is in process. The 1973 Summer Session will reflect the Center themes.

Of especial significance this year was the graduation of the first class of students to receive the Baccalaureate degree in Nursing in Alaska.

The 13th Annual Commencement featured the Dedication of the Middleton-Keystone Park, site of the Anchorage Higher Education Consortium Library as AMU's gift to the Consortium.

At the conclusion of the Commencement Program the thrilling announcement was made that Ms. V. Louise Kellogg, a long time AMU Trustee, had presented the University with her 780 acre Matanuska Valley Spring Creek Farm. This beautiful property, with marvelous possibilities for expanded AMU service, will be known as the Kellogg Campus.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

Richard R. Gay
Vice President

C. BIRCHWOOD CAMP, INCORPORATED

John Eaton, Chairperson

The Board of Birchwood Camp, Inc. did not officially come into existence until February of 1972. At that time representatives of the various churches in Southcentral Alaska met and elected a Board of Directors to begin the work of incorporating the camp. Those elected were: Howard DeVore, Bob Bowers, Marvis Nelson, Don Judd, Gene Groves, and John Eaton. It was later decided to add the Program Council Director, Tom Whitehead. The Superintendent of the Mission Conference serves ex-officio.

At the time the Board assumed leadership, it became responsible for the development and upkeep of Birchwood Camp. The camp consisted of the following:

A lodge building with fully equipped kitchen

A caretaker's home, fully modern

A showerhouse-restroom facility

Seven caribou style cabins, furnished with beds, and furnaces

A boat-house and boats, and dock area

The Board, under leadership of Howard DeVore, who was elected Chairperson, began work immediately on sets of by-laws and articles of incorporation. In addition, one planning meeting was held when the Board asked itself what the future development of the camp should be. Work on the by-laws and articles was finally completed in May and, Birchwood Camps, Incorporated became an officially incorporated body in Alaska. Howard DeVore served as chairperson until June, when he was transferred to Fairbanks and John Eaton was elected chairperson.

Most of the work of development was completed before January 1st, 1972. The present Board has spent most of its efforts towards the incorporation procedure and towards getting things running more smoothly. The Board members are to be commended for their long and often tiring efforts at working out the wording in the incorporation papers.

Organization and growing pains still plague the camp Board. Our camp manager has resigned effective June 1, and we have accepted his resignation with regret and many thanks for a job well done. The personnel committee has recommended and the Board has concurred that the new manager shall be Jon Nauman.

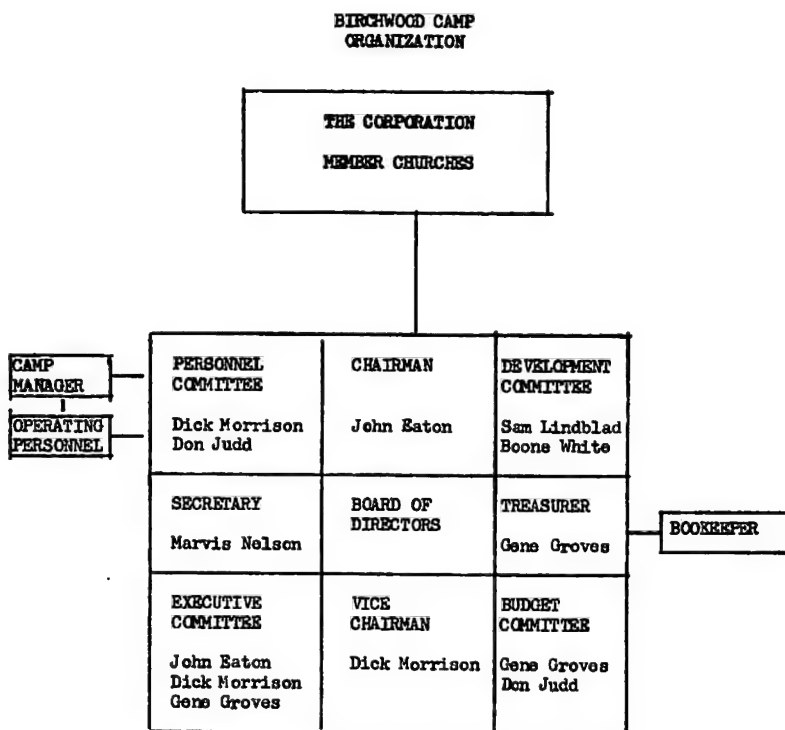
Although we thought that our by-laws were written in a manner that would allow us to qualify as a tax-exempt corporation, the Internal Revenue Service disagreed. After several meetings with the IRS examiners and the Board members, our attorneys are revising the by-laws so that we will qualify

as a tax-exempt organization and donations up to one-half of a donor's income will be tax deductible. The changes in the by-laws are not expected to appreciably change the operation of the camp.

Development of the camp is beginning to occupy more of the Board's time. Maintenance, heavy new construction projects, and light new construction projects are at the heads of three project lists according to priorities. The thought here is that weekend church work camps could handle most projects in groups 1 and 3. Group 2 projects, however, will require much greater funding as well as an extended work camp. In this regard, we have arranged for a two-week work camp comprised of a group from the Seattle area which will be here in June. In addition to this, we expect to receive a \$2500 advance special from a group in Michigan to finance a project. We are looking forward to building a garage for the truck with room for equipment storage and repair this Spring.

Summer camp will begin July 1 and will run through August 12. Publicity for these camps has been mailed. A great deal of effort has already gone into the camping program, therefore, we anticipate a very successful summer camping season this year. Weekend camp usage this year has been good and with warmer weather is expected to improve.

A great deal of volunteer work has been donated to the camp since the corporation was formed. This effort is deeply appreciated by the Board, as without it, operations would have been severely curtailed.



D. MAYNARD-McDOUGALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

C. Donald Denning, Administrator

Fiscal Year 1972-73 has come to an end. We share a deep sense of gratitude for God's help in providing adequate health and medical services to the 6,000 people for whom we are responsible in Nome and the surrounding villages.

The year just past bears record of many important accomplishments by the Staff of the Hospital, aided by efforts of several of our Board Members and friends in the Community:

1. Complete renovation of kitchen; new walls, ceiling, floor, all equipment replaced with Stainless Steel. Elimination of inside garbage and trash holding area. Total cost of equipment was \$8,600, \$7,500 of which was granted us by the National Division. Total additional cost of renovation, \$5,500, was paid by the hospital.
2. Installation of connection to City Water and Sewer System; no cost to the hospital. \$60,000 grant was requested and received from State funds.
3. Completion of installation of new Radiology Department; new X-Ray and Dark Room. Renovation of Room, \$6,500 paid by the hospital; \$1,000 was obtained from National Division for Dark Room equipment and renovation.
4. "Candy Striper" program begun by Director of Nurses, Miss Gentry Johnstone. Adult volunteer program to be extended to provide more help.
5. Instituted new Inventory System with hiring of Inventory Clerk to keep close watch on in and out record of supplies for all departments.
6. Because it is almost impossible to obtain a Physician to come to Nome and stay for a year or two we have lost the continuity of patient care so badly needed. Coupled with this is the lack of communication experienced between members of the Medical Staff. In order to restore the correct balance of patient care and employee relations we have contracted with a Medical Surgical Clinic to provide a comprehensive health service on an annual basis. We will thus enjoy not only a General Practitioner acting as Medical Director for 365 days in the year but consultation services for all of our departmental needs. In addition to this there will be provided Specialty Clinics, Surgical Clinics, and Consultation Service for Radiology, Laboratory and Medical Administration.
7. The Hospital Building is 24 years old and is showing its age. The State Fire Marshall is threatening to close our doors unless certain changes are made to our building. Items referred to are major and an expenditure of some \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 would be necessary to even provide the basic requirements. Some of these are: Elevator, running water and toilet facilities in each patient room, Sprinkler System throughout the building, replacement of 3/8" sheetrock partitions with 5/8" sheetrock partitions. This is only a few items. We do not see the feasibility of such expenditures which in the long run would provide only a renovated interior to an old building that would require ultimate replacement in the near future. We are actively engaged in obtaining State and Federal funds to accumulate a total of \$5,300,000 to build a new hospital. We have a high priority rating in the State of Alaska and indications appear favorable for a major portion of the amount needed to be granted. It will be necessary, however, for the Sponsoring

Agencies of the United Methodist Church to show a substantial financial interest in the project before funds will be forthcoming from other sources.

The need for United Methodists not only in Alaska but in the total concept of Missions is to think in terms of its real responsibility to the overall needs of all people in the Nome area and its outlying villages without discrimination of any kind. The Hospital for some 60 years has served the area well. The Lord has opened the door of opportunity to provide help. These doors are still open and if we consider our accountability to Him we will not close them.

C. Donald Denning
Administrator

E. NOME COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

William Trudeau, Director

This past year has been nothing so much as a typical Nome spring break-up. After a long winter, the first warm day brings melting snow, the first sign of Mother earth, and numerous exclamations about how soon the ice will leave the Sound. Then, it goes to 40° below zero on the following day!

Last June, at Conference time, the center looked as if the two and a half years of planning, struggling, and expecting had begun to pay off. Federal funds for social services were bolstering an alcoholism treatment program and providing services for emergency care, out-patient counseling, residential care, and information and referral. The community recreation program was looking at its first year of reasonable funding. The teen center began to look like it might have the services of a full-time youth worker and proper equipment and supplies for a good activity center. The Center had an operating budget of approximately \$300,000 yearly—for 31 days! The end of October saw the end of the majority of Federal and state funding and we were, for all practical purposes, back where we started.

We discovered a surprising thing, however. Even though the program and efforts of the center have been astonishingly curtailed—and the cuts have not all taken effect yet—there is a feeling of promise and hope still within the center. Out of last year, some clear accomplishments still stand out:

- 1) We have begun regular publication of a quarterly newsletter and thus have, for the first time, regular communication about what is going on at the center with people here in Nome and friends around the United States.
- 2) The Center—in cooperation with the Community United Methodist Church—enlisted the support of a United Methodist Volunteer and has the teen center staffed a minimum of 22 hours each week. The UMV, Ms. Sherry Lewis, has been extremely effective in developing community concern for the teen center and has a number of other volunteers working with her.
- 3) The Board of Directors has become increasingly active and attendance in the Board meetings since October has increased to nearly 75% each time. In addition, the Board is working in active committee developing and evaluating programs operating out of the center.
- 4) Rapid turnover of most staff positions has slowed down and patterns of good work, based upon experience are emerging.

- 5) The financial base of the center has established—if lower than anticipated—and we have begun to work concretely on priorities and the future of the organization.
- 6) Our annual meeting—potlatch—hosted over 300 people for dinner, Eskimo dancing, and an explanation of what the community center was about.

The Center—along with the other United Methodist related agencies in Nome—is beginning this July a period of intensive study to determine the future objective of United Methodist support in Nome. The Center could not be in a stronger position to undertake this self-evaluation and prescription.

Outside the United Methodist related agencies, Nome has been changing. New native local and regional corporations have developed. The city, itself, has become more financially stable and is beginning to look toward the future.

The goal of United Methodists is not to duplicate services but to respond creatively to the needs of people. Response means taking into account the changes that are taking place around us. And “taking into account” is probably the best chapter for the addition to the book.

This next year of the center’s life will be a fascinating one. Steps have already been taken to hire and train a local person to take over the staff leadership of the program. Such steps are placed to make possible the widest possible range of alternatives at the end of the year study. We face that year with an air of excitement.

F. UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

Dr. Robert Nelson and Sr. Judith Morin, Co-Directors

United Campus Ministry has undertaken, during this past year, two crucial approaches to its continued witness on the Fairbanks campus of the University of Alaska: accountability to the sponsoring churches and adequate funding from the sponsoring churches.

Under the leadership of Rev. Richard Gilbert as a resource person, the members of the UCM corporation, Board of Directors, and Staff worked together for effective goal and objective setting. In order to better account to the sponsoring churches and to the university, United Campus Ministry set very specific objectives.

The goal of United Campus Ministry is to help the University community to grow in the knowledge, love, service and worship of God, and to care for people.

The objective of UCM, seeking to concretize and fulfill this goal, have been accepted for an eighteen month period (three semesters), January 1973 through June 1974. These objectives are as follows:

UCM proposes to build worshipping communities on the campus on an ecumenical basis wherever and whenever possible. A weekly Catholic Mass, conducted by Fr. Bob Dunn, and a weekly Protestant service, conducted by Dr. Robert Nelson, are being held as well as special mid-week dorm masses, prayer groups and meditation groups. Ecumenical celebrations of special holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost) and special occasions (i.e., memorial services, confirmations, baptism, etc.) are being conducted by the staff.

The Staff have been teaching under the University of Alaska Extension Service for the first time this past semester. Sr. Judy Morin instructs a class on the Epistles of Paul during the Fall Semesters and on the Gospels during the Spring Semester. Dr. Nelson teaches a two semester course on contemporary theologians (Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Jewish). The hope is for eventual accreditation either through the University of Alaska or through another accredited institution of higher education.

UCM seeks to involve students and faculty in community service in the surrounding areas. One workteam of students is held each semester. Sixteen students have just lived and worked together following final exams for two weeks at Hope Center—Fairbanks Rehabilitation Association—with the mentally and physically handicapped putting in a total of 1200 hours of volunteer work. Helper-Friends are students who work during the academic year on a volunteer basis assisting and being a friend to persons related to the many social service agencies in the Fairbanks area (Hospitality House, Hillcrest Home for Boys, Pioneer Home, Careage North, etc.). Also, a number of students have assisted through UCM's community involvement program in tutoring at Hope Center. UCM further maintains a blood donor program, taking four students to the Fairbanks Community Hospital weekly. The Blood Bank is maintained especially for students and faculty at the University and for persons in the community who are unable to pay the necessary fee or to reimburse the supply.

UCM is working with the Speech-Communications faculty and students and the Campus Counseling Center is facilitating two to three communications workshops per month. These are 24-hour intensive sessions in self-awareness, awareness of others, and relationship awareness. The workshops involve 30 participants each and five leaders. Some of the workshops specialize in Inter-cultural Communication, Faculty-Student Communications, and Couples Communication. For persons in the university community who are anticipating marriage, UCM is holding Pre-marriage Workshops with six couples each centering in upon "fair fighting" and communication in marriage. UCM is also holding at least one Marriage Enrichment Group each semester consisting of eight three hour sessions on the verbal communication of positive data and designed for six married couples per workshop.

UCM is also attempting to bring some of the expertise of the university community to the benefit of the leadership of the Church by sponsoring Pastor's Conferences. One has been held during the past year in cooperation with the Alaska State Mental Health Clinic on premarital counseling.

Faculty seminars are being conducted attempting to bring faculty members together from many disciplines to confront their field of work and their faith on a personal as well as an issue oriented basis. Brown bag lunches are held which allow faculty members to relate on an informal basis with one another.

These program objectives are really being enabled throughout by a trust relationship which has been and is continuing to be built between UCM and the University. The UCM Staff are attempting to work into the actual programming and house operations of many offices vital to the personal and social values of persons: The Resident and Student Advisors in the dormitories, The Housing Office, the Student Activities offices, the Counseling Center, Native Studies and S.O.S., and the Health Center. The staff are attempting to be free to work in and among all the people in the university community and to enable them to realize their talents and capabilities and to share them with one another and out beyond the university. The Staff attempts to be available to

students and faculty for whatever may be their concerns, and to quote one student, "When things are rough or you haven't quite got it all together, it's really good to have someone listen and be available to listen when you need to talk."

Financially, UCM is at the end of its road unless the sponsoring churches can find funding to make up what has had to be spent annually from reserves. The reserves which accrued during the UCM Director's leave of absence during 1971 are now gone. The approximately \$2,000 needed in addition to existing funding resources to keep UCM at Fairbanks viable must be found before June, 1974, as there is not at the present time sufficient pledged contributions from the sponsoring denominations to continue beyond that date. UCM is beginning to appeal to individuals (faculty, administrators, parents of students, and many others) for assistance, but this type of funding cannot be the basis for an on-going program staffed on a full-time basis. Individual contributions can only be seen as benefits for expanded program on top of an already well-established financial base. The financial base of campus ministry necessary to maintain itself in its base essentials must be provided by the sponsoring denomination.

G. WESLEYAN NURSING HOME, INC.

Mildred Pelch, Administrator

The dedication of the new addition for Wesleyan Nursing Home was held on July 2, 1972. This was a very happy occasion to see the completed project in place of blueprints. Out of state guests in attendance were Miss Betty J. Letzig, Executive Secretary of Health and Welfare Ministries, National Division, New York City, and Mrs. Mary Jane Haines, Chairman of the Western Division of Social Welfare, Medical and Educational Work of the United Methodist Women, Portland, Oregon.

The new addition was approved by the architect July 25th and ready for occupancy July 27. The total bed capacity was increased to 64. We specialize in the long term psychiatric patient but admit other patients that are in need of long term nursing care. A contract was signed with the Veterans Administration to give skilled nursing care to Veterans.

A unique staff maintain the quality of care and personal concern that makes the patient feel that someone cares.

An active therapy program has been started where patients do all types of arts and crafts, Bingo parties, movies, birthday parties are held for patient entertainment. Patients who are able to attend are taken to concerts, plays, talent shows with tickets donated by local citizens.

Pastors of the Seward Ministerial Association hold services each Sunday, alternating monthly, for the spiritual needs of the patients. The patients enjoy the group singing and devotional thoughts presented by each pastor.

All inside areas of the existing building were painted. New light fixtures and wiring were installed in the patients dining area.

Our present needs are to landscape the grounds and paint the exterior of the building. As we enter into our 15th year of operation we reflect on the many challenges we have encountered, and the progress that has resulted from the work of dedicated people.

F. United Methodist Women

Mrs. Fred (Jean) Stassel, President

These past months have both a struggle and a dream come true for Methodist women across the state and nation. By December, 1973, some 39,000 Women's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds will cease to exist and one new inclusive organization of United Methodist Women will have been birthed.

Local groups in Alaska took a hard look at themselves in October as Murchison Woods, Regional Secretary of the Women's Division, itinerated across the state. Meeting with groups of women, including both members and non-members, the purpose and goals of the new organization were explored. Foremost in the minds of women as they create a new organization to fit each unique local church situation are:

1. How can we continue to be a vital missionary movement?
2. How can we be flexible so that our structure does not prohibit busy women from participating?
3. How can we continue to provide nearly one-half of the funds for all of the missionary work supported by the United Methodist Church?
4. How can we meet the many and crucial needs of the women in our churches?

There are no easy answers to these questions to be passed on down from the "top." This isn't an old organization with a new name, but rather, a new organization geared to the world in which we live today.

The Planning/Steering Committee for the Alaska Missionary Conference organization was chaired by Betty DeVore. Officers for the new organization were elected by mail to take office at the Annual Missionary Conference September 22, at which time a Service of Celebration will be held. However, it is the newly elected officers who will take part in the Regional School of Christian Mission, a training event in San Diego on June 22-29, 1973.

Seven Conference officers attended special training events in Cincinnati. All women across the country with officer responsibilities related to administration met a weekend in December. Those relating to program gathered in March. "Creative Administration," "The Role of the Enabler," "Christian Personhood," "Global Involvement," and "Supportive Community," were among the ideas that were probed.

These words from Erich Fromm attest to the possibilities of our new organization of United Methodist Women:

"Those whose hope is weak settle down for comfort or for violence; those whose hope is strong see and cherish all signs of new life and are ready every moment to help birth that which is ready to be born."

G. Report of the Committee on Appreciation

Donald Hartman, Chairperson

We wish to express our gratitude and sincere thanks to:

Bishop Jack Tuell for his leadership and guidance. We count it an honor to go down in his memoirs as the first annual conference over which he has presided.

To Marji Tuell for her warmth and friendly spirit that inspires and encourages us all.

To Ac Wischmeier for his patience and concern as he continues to work intimately with the churches and institutions of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

To Irene Wischmeier for her gracious hospitality as we know her heart and home are open to all who participate in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

To Dr. Randolph Nugent, Associate General Secretary of the National Division, whose inspirational messages made us aware of our Christian responsibility as a nation, as a mission, and as persons. We, as Christians, are in some ways isolated and insulated from the nation's ills. Dr. Nugent made us cognizant of these problems as they pertain to us.

To Ed Warne, National Division, Finance & Field Service, for his stewardship emphasis as we seek to implement goals with funding.

To the administration and staff of A.M.U. for housing delegates and serving delicious meals.

To Bonnie Steenrod for her complete cooperation and kind assistance in the mechanics at legislation.

To Program Council for their fine efforts in setting goals and challenging our imagination as a Missionary Conference.

Finally, to the Walt Hays family—we wish them well as they move from the igloo to the thatched hut.

Donald L. Hartman
Marjorie Wooster
Robert Smay

VIII. ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE RULES

(Because the rules are to be revised so as to conform to the actions of the 1972 General Conference and the deliberations of the Alaska Missionary Conference and the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries, they are not printed in this journal. They may be found in the 1971 Journal of the Alaska Mission or in the 1973 Pre-Conference Handbook)

IX. HISTORICAL SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

No.	Year	Place	Bishop	Superintendent	Host
30	1971	AMU - Anchorage	Sparks	Wischmeier	Davis
31	1972	AMU - Anchorage	Sparks	Wischmeier	Picton
32	1973	AMU - Anchorage	Tuell	Wischmeier	Picton

(For 1 - 25 see the 1966 Journal, p. 83; for 25 - 29, see the 1972 Journal, p. 86)

X. HISTORICAL ROSTER OF MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN ALASKA

(See the 1971 and 1966 Journals for the complete roster)

XI. THE ROLL OF THE DEAD

A. THE ROLL OF DECEASED BISHOPS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop Dionisio Deistra Alejandro

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Paul Neff Garber

Bishop Paul M. Herrick

Bishop S. Trowen Nagbe

Bishop Marshall Reed

B. THE ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Anchorage, East

Myron Walsh

Einer Huseby

Anchorage, First

George Burrows

Gladys Wood

Charles Pepp

Elma Williams

Jane Hartman

Douglas

Robert Carl Johnson

Fairbanks

Amy Brink

Juneau

Harold G. Tipton

Nome

Charlotte Banks

Carrie McClain

Seward

Clarence "Jim" Harrow

XII. 1974 BUDGETS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. General Budget of the Conference

	1973 Budget	1974 Budget	Proposed Natl. Div. Subsidy
1. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT			
a. Episcopal Fund	1,480	1,500	
An apportionment from General Conference based on 1 3/4% of the cash salaries paid minister and associates. This fund provides salaries, housing, office and travel expense for active bishops, pensions for retired bishops, and aid for widows and children of deceased bishops.			
b. Pension and Death Benefit	6,187	6,834	
It costs \$5,834 to fund 15.5 (½ of Jewel Lake Parish Minister) for the active ministers and all related ministers with Alaska pension credit at the \$50 rate plus death benefit program for 15.5 ministers. In the \$5,834 there is \$1,000 to be put into the Conference Claimants Distribution Fund to be held at interest (6½%) for four years to help increase the pension rate starting 1-1-78.			
To Board of Pensions from Unexpended Reserves		(5,000)	
\$5,000 is to be taken out of Benevolent Reserves and put into Conference Claimants Distribution Fund to be held at interest (Now 6½%) for four years to help increase the pension rate starting 1-1-78.			
c. Superintendent's Salary, Travel, Car, Entertainment, and Utility Budget	3,450	3,450	14,280
The National Division supplies all but the proposed \$3450 which includes \$12,000 cash salary, \$3,300 travel, \$500 entertainment, \$900 car, and \$1200 utilities.			
d. Alaska Missionary Conference Ministerial Support	<u>12,368</u>	<u>13,935</u>	<u>66,281</u>
	\$23,485	\$25,719	\$80,561

2. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION

e) Temporary General Aid Fund

1973
Budget

507

1974
Budget

706

Proposed
Nat'l. Div.
Budget 1974

An apportionment from General Conference to help equalize salaries and pensions of former Central Jurisdiction members.

f) General Administration Fund

805

181

Our share of the general administration of our United Methodist Church.

g) Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

417

121

An apportionment from the General Conference for our support of the National & World Council of Churches

h) Jurisdictional Fund

85

106

An apportionment for the cost of the Quadrennial Western Jurisdictional Conference.

i) Ministerial Education Fund

1,333

1,333

An apportionment from General Conference started in 1970. This fund is used in support of our seminaries and scholarship assistance. One-fourth of the amount raised remains in the Mission Conference for scholarship aid.

j) Mission Office Fund

5,823

5,823

7,957

The National Division supplies all but the proposed \$5,823 which includes rent, operation, and salaries for a bookkeeper and a secretary.

k) Annual Missionary Conference

1,000

1,000

4,500

The National Division provides \$4,500 in addition to our \$1,000 for the cost of Annual Missionary Conference.

l) Black College Fund

723

723

TOTAL CONNECTIONAL FUNDS:

\$10,693 \$ 9,993 \$12,457

3. WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

m) World Service

Received on apportionment from the General Conference and accepted by our Conference

n) Conference Benevolences

	1973 Budget	1974 Budget	Proposed Nat'l. Div. Budget 1974
m) World Service	2,775	2,775	
Received on apportionment from the General Conference and accepted by our Conference			
n) Conference Benevolences			
1. Program Council (See detailed budget)	7,989	8,994	
a. Program support			1,200
b. Program Dir. Expense			1,200
c. Pastor's Retreat			500
2. World Service and Finance Budgeted meeting expenses	450	500	
3. All Mission Stewardship and Finance Campaign	2,500		
4. Contingency Fund	500	500	
Less:			
Unexpended Reserves	(2,500)		
Native Children Fund	(200)	(200)	

TOTAL WORLD SERVICE: \$11,514 \$12,569 \$ 2,900

4. SUMMARY

	1973	1974	Proposed Nat'l. Div.
1. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT	\$23,485	\$25,719	\$80,561
2. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION	10,693	9,993	12,457
3. WORLD SERVICE & CONF. BENEV.	11,514	11,569	2,900
	\$45,692	\$47,281	\$95,918
4. ADDITIONAL NATIONAL DIVISION CONTRIBUTIONS:			
Mission Cars			1,100
Birchwood Bus			1,000
TOTAL NAT'L. DIV.			\$98,018
Less Block Grant Subsidy			94,500
			\$ 3,518
Less Duplex Rent—2901 Sheldon Jackson—Anc.			3,600
EXCESS:			\$ 82

TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1973\$45,692

3.48% increase over 1973 1,589

TOTAL 1974 BUDGET: \$47,281

B. Program Council Budget for 1974

1. CHRISTIAN NURTURE

	1973	1974	1973	1974
Administration			\$ 155	\$ 155
Age Level Programs				
Children.....	500	200		
Youth	350	500		
Adult	30	30		
Family	30	30		
Family Life Education	0	1250		
	910	2,010.....	910	2,010
Camping				
Nome	200	150		
Fairbanks	200	0		
Anchorage	700	0		
Southeast	700	1000		
	1,800	1,150.....	1,800	1,150
Higher Education				
Anchorage Campus Min.	500	250.....	500	250
Audio-Visual Education	300	225	300	225
Pastor and Wives Retreat	844	850.....	844	850
Historical Society	150	154.....	150	154
Worship Committee	150	50.....	150	50
		TOTAL:	\$4,809	\$4,844
Expected Income				
Audio-Visual	225	225		
Advance Specials	1200	1200		
Christian Ed. Sun.	200	300		
Methodist Youth Fund	25	0		
TOTAL:	\$1,650	\$1,725	\$1,650	\$1,725
TOTAL CHRISTIAN NURTURE NEED:			\$3159	\$3119

2. CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

	1973	1974	1973	1974
Mission				
Admin./Publicity	0	50		
Mission Itineration	0	150		
Local Church Workshops	0	200		
World Mission Conference	150	150		
Travel Assistance	350	0		
Youth Delegate Travel	100	0		
In School Staff Exp.	100	0		
AMC Interpretation and Promotion	50	0		
New Work Projects	150	0		
Publicity, Sch. of Miss.	50	0		
	<hr/> 930	<hr/> 550	930	5,520
Ecumenical Affairs				
Alaska Christian Conference	1,100	1,100		
Travel—ACC	500	500		
Ch. of the Epiphany	300	300		
Ed. Materials	50	0		
	<hr/> 1,950	<hr/> 1,900	1,950	1,900
Evangelism				
Eurikson	0	800		
Postage/Administration	250	25		
	<hr/> 250	<hr/> 825	\$ 250	\$ 825

TOTAL NEEDED FOR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH: \$3,150 \$3,275

3. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

	1973	1974	1973	1974
Information on Issues	350	175		
Lobbyist	0	100		
Postage/Administration	150	25		
	<hr/> 500	<hr/> 300	500	300

4. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

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5. PROGRAM COUNCIL EXPENSES

	1973	1974	1973	1974
Travel	850	950		
Interpretation	100	0		
Publication of AMC Periodical	0	1,100		
	<hr/> 950	<hr/> 2,050	950	2,050

6. CONTINGENCY

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GRAND TOTAL BUDGET OF THE PROGRAM COUNCIL: \$7,989 \$8,994

C. Apportionments for 1974

Church	1973 Grade Point	1974 Grade Point Local Exp.	1974 Grade Point Member- ship	Total Grade Point Divided By Two	Min. Supp.	Conn. Adm.	World Ser- vice	Total
Anchor Park	8.66	7.34	9.47	8.40	2161	839	972	3972
East Anchorage	4.38	6.90	5.49	6.20	1596	618	717	2931
Anchorage First	20.43	17.06	18.63	17.85	4591	1783	2066	8440
St. John	2.59	3.28	3.33	3.31	851	331	383	1565
Girdwood	.24	.28	.20	.24	62	24	28	114
Turnagain	7.77	9.82	6.94	8.38	2155	838	969	3962
Jewel Lake	.88							
Chugiak	2.85	2.63	2.99	2.81	723	281	325	1329
Fairbanks	14.87	11.64	13.94	12.79	3289	1278	1480	6047
Home	2.14	2.08	2.93	2.51	646	251	290	1187
Ninilchick	.89	.79	1.31	1.05	270	105	121	496
Seldovia	.25							
Douglas	1.98	2.80	1.71	2.26	581	226	261	1068
Juneau	6.73	7.18	5.46	6.32	1625	632	731	2988
Kenai	5.74	5.05	4.66	4.86	1250	486	562	2298
North Star	1.34	1.73	.91	1.32	339	132	153	624
Soldotna	1.44	1.71	1.42	1.56	401	156	180	737
Ketchikan	8.15	10.36	9.24	9.79	2518	978	1133	4629
Nome	3.14	3.26	4.24	3.75	964	375	434	1773
Seward	2.39	2.75	2.90	2.82	725	282	326	1333
Moose Pass	.50	.41	.74	.57	146	57	66	269
Sitka	2.79	2.93	3.50	3.21	826	321	372	1519
TOTALS	100.15	100.00	100.00	100.00	25719	9993	11569	47281

D. National Division Funds Invested in Alaska—1972

1. Salary Subsidy for Pastoral Support	\$ 57,508
2. Mission Office	7,657
3. Superintendent's Budget	13,850
4. Program Council Director's Budget	2,400
5. Pastor's School	500
6. Annual Meeting	4,500
7. Mission Cars	1,000
8. Birchwood Truck	1,000
9. Advance Specials for A.M.U.	62,412
10. United Campus Ministry	6,052
11. Alaska Children's Services	13,666
12. Nome Community Center	10,926
13. Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital Budget Support	19,224
14. Transportation for Outside Vacations for Mission Families	9,038
15. Rent on Anchorage Duplex	3,600
16. Advance Specials from South Indiana Conference	1,000
17. Mission Church Extension	5,000
18. Moving Expense for Eight Men (Estimated)	18,000
19. Insurance on Mission Property (Estimated)	5,000
TOTALS	\$242,333

E. Statistical and Financial Reports of the Churches— January - December 1972

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NO.	CHURCH & PASTOR	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS										CHURCH SCHOOL							TOTAL CH. SCH MEMBERS
		TOTAL END 1971	C.F. or R.E. RESTROR	OTHER U.M.C.	RECD O.DENOM.	RECD CG CON.	RECD W. DRAMA	RECD TRANS. U.M.C.	RECD TRANS. O.DENOM.	DEATH	TOTAL END 1972	AV. ATT. WORSHIP	BAPTIZED	PREP MEMB ON ROLLS	NO. OF LEADERS	CHILD.	YOUTH	ADULTS	
1.	ANCHOR PARK-BOWERS	390	2	16	3	67	10	0	1	333	170	11	300	15	15	60	40	130	
2.	E. ANC. - TINDELL	187	15	19	7	0	18	14	3	193	153	15	63	21	73	33	27	154	
3.	ANC-FIRST, WHITE	934	19	24	4	279	36	8	3	655	185	22	18	17	33	30	35	115	
4.	ANC-ST. JOHN - FISON GIRDWOOD	107	0	13	5	0	8	0	0	117	80	6	52	8	70	20	0	98	
5.	ANC-TRI ANCHOR PARISH JEWEL LAKE-MORRISON TURNAGAIN-WHITEHEAD	23	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	25	16	1	22	4	18	9	3	32	
6.	CHUGIAK-GROVES	249	7	2	6	11	7	2	0	244	118	7	157	30	71	18	32	151	
7.	FAIRBANKS-DEVORE	125	1	0	1	17	0	5	0	105	60	5	37	20	50	16	20	106	
8.	ROMER PARISH-WISE ANCHOR POINT HOMER NINILCHIK SELDOVIA	652	9	6	6	127	46	9	1	490	162	14	206	35	153	59	39	286	
9.	JUN-DOUG PARISH-SHAFFER DOUGLAS JUNEAU	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10.	KENAI-BARTEL	102	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	53	1	14	8	35	12	10	64	
11.	KETCHIKAN-FELLERS	44	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	46	25	0	16	7	15	8	8	38	
12.	NOME-HAYS	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13.	SEWARD-LUECK MOOSE PASS-LUECK	83	0	10	0	30	3	0	0	60	35	0	25	15	25	12	34	86	
14.	SITKA-HARTMAN	250	4	4	2	48	18	2	0	192	70	3	70	22	50	15	15	102	
15.	SOLDOTNA-AAMODT NORTH STAR-AAMODT	167	6	1	9	17	0	2	0	164	89	5	98	18	91	23	21	153	
		374	0	0	3	46	2	0	4	325	95	1	93	12	75	30	20	125	
		145	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	149	51	6	84	12	78	30	35	155	
		107	0	1	0	3	1	0	2	102	41	2	26	8	22	11	0	41	
		26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	6	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	
		114	6	5	4	3	3	0	0	123	50	1	39	7	33	24	30	94	
		65	0	0	0	10	5	0	0	50	15	0	6	6	22	0	9	37	
		45	0	0	0	9	4	0	0	32	14	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	
		4239	73	102	56	667	163	42	14	3562	1498	101	1340	265	929	410	378	1967	

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NO.	CHURCH & PASTOR	CHURCH SCHOOL				U. M. W.		MEN	PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS					INDEBT & IMPROV		
		AV. ATTEND	NO. GROUPS	SHORT TERM	NO. MEMB.	PAID FOR LOCAL WORK	VALUE CHURCH LAND		VALUE OF PARSON & FURN	VALUE OF OTHER ASSETS	UNPAID BAL. ON INDEBT.	OTHER INDEBT.	PRINC. & INTER. ON INDEBT.	BLDG. & IMPROV		
1.	ANCHOR PARK-BOWERS	100	5	2	22	475	0		272000	40000	15000	47000	0	2510		1676
2.	E. ANC.-TINDELL	123	9	11	17	250	0		300000	38500	6600	36000	0	3800		0
3.	ANC.FIRST-WHITE	78	13	0	67	1020	0		900000	64000	0	0	0	14926		7683
4.	ANC. ST. JOHN-FISON GIRDWOOD	55	7	2	15	1061	0		160000	50000	0	16185	0	4084		0
		0	0	0	0	0	0		40000	0	0	600	0	136		0
5.	ANC-TRI ANCHOR PARISH JEWEL LAKE-MORRISON	20	4	3	0	0	0		100000	20000	8000	25000	0	675		0
	TURNAGAIN-WHITEHEAD	113	16	28	0	137	0		351600	43000	0	35545	0	7294		2507
6.	CHUGIAK-GROVES	60	12	5	20	138	0		240000	41320	500	20000	0	2418		747
7.	FAIRBANKS-DEVORE	133	14	5	43	680	0		700000	50000	0	65352	0	32253		0
8.	HOMER PARISH-WISE ANCHOR POINT	0	0	0	0	0	0		10000	0	0	0	0	0		0
	HOMER	35	5	1	10	0	0		120000	80000	0	0	0	0		1001
	NINITILCHIK	16	4	1	6	0	0		80000	0	967	0	0	0		0
	SELDOVIA	0	0	0	0	0	0		80000	0	0	0	0	0		0
9.	JUN-DOUG PAR-SHAFFER DOUGLAS JUNEAU	40	0	10	0	0	0		80000	33000	5587	0	0	0		0
		60	10	12	40	285	0		15000	45000	142000	0	0	0		0
10.	KENAI-BARTEL	71	12	9	26	163	0		187000	44000	0	26568	0	5259		470
11.	KETCHIKAN-FELLERS	92	14	5	30	224	0		308500	28500	4597	17364	0	8174		269
12.	NOME-HAYS	46	10	6	40	450	0		290000	5000	17285	0	500	0		0
13.	SEWARD-LUECK MOOSE PASS-LUECK	20	5	3	12	409	0		130000	51000	6500	1300	0	0		4794
		0	0	3	0	0	0		15000	0	0	0	0	0		0
14.	SITKA-HARTMAN	60	8	8	0	0	0		104000	32000	0	9000	0	962		728
15.	SOLDOTNA-AAMODT NORTH STAR-AAMODT	25	4	0	21	0	0		58000	47700	200	8400	0	762		0
		0	0	0	7	0	0		15000	12950	2100	0	0	0		0
	TOTALS	1147	161	114	376	5292	0		4556000	725970	209536	308314	500	75079		19606

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		EXPENSES			WOMEN		MINISTERIAL REPORT					APPORTIONMENTS					BENEVOLENCE GIVING					HUMAN RELATION	
NO.		CH. EXP.	SOB. EXP.	OTHER CURRENT	U.M.W.	MISC.	BENEVO.	TOTAL PASTOR	TOTAL PASTORS TRAVEL	TOTAL PASTORS UTILITY	MIN. SUPPORT	CONNECT	ADMN.	WORLD SERVICE	W. SPEC.	GEN. ADV. SP.	ONE HOUR GR.	M. WIDE COMMUN	STUDENT DAY	Y.S.P.			
1.	ANCHOR PARK-BOWERS	2559		6718	528	115		9060	1400	1056	1884	770	762	0	57	152	72	47	0	101			
2.	E. ANC-TINDELL	1190		11732	256	100		4000	1500	1150	754	308	305	0	219	0	0	0	0	0			
3.	ANC-FIRST-WHITE	926		29418	0	0		13700	2125	2250	4898	2002	1982	0	200	166	132	0	63	0			
4.	ANC-ST. JOHN-FISON GIRDWOOD	1102		3288	155	0		1700	2000	1200	589	241	238	0	62	45	17	20	0	0			
		0		149	120	0		52	600	0	47	19	19	0	35	0	0	0	0	0			
5.	ANC-TRI ANCHOR PARISH JEWEL-LAKE-MORRISON TURNAGAIN-WHITEHEAD	4421		1654	0	153		0	0	0	300	0	0	0	151	47	23	0	0	0			
		678		14832	235	348		9100	1600	1600	1860	760	753	0	28	52	64	0	0	6			
6.	CHUGIAK-GROVES	205		2624	0	0		2520	990	1200	730	298	295	0	31	0	16	10	0	10			
7.	FAIRBANKS-DEVORE	1827		16331	1017	250		11064	1750	1990	3674	1502	1486	0	743	80	206	17	0	50			
8.	HOMER PARISH-WISE ANCHOR POINT HOMER	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		528		2395	0	0		1650	400	926	540	221	219	0	75	18	19	0	0	10			
	NINILCHIK	193		1070	0	50		737	240	0	212	87	86	0	86	6	13	0	0	0			
	SELDOVIA	0		0	0	0		100	0	50	47	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
9.	JUN-DOUG PAR-SHAFFER DOUGLAS	229		3677	0	100		3726	300	0	518	212	210	0	0	41	38	0	0	21			
	JUNEAU	149		12203	1106	458		4978	1600	1271	1696	693	686	0	73	115	0	0	0	51			
10.	KENAI-BARTEL	701		4806	373	145		6255	1800	735	1225	500	495	0	0	70	45	0	0	0			
11.	KETCHIKAN-FELLERS	976		14738	185	100		11500	1440	700	1161	500	839	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
12.	NOME-HAYS	570		7429	409	210		980	250	0	754	308	305	0	0	12	29	31	0	0			
13.	SEWARD-LUECK MOOSE PASS	195		2704	268	0		2630	1200	1064	589	241	238	0	93	15	0	0	0	6			
		163		410	0	13		400	300	0	118	48	48	0	0	2	0	0	0	4			
14.	SITKA-HARTMAN	105		3952	0	0		1940	1200	1100	612	250	248	0	0	15	13	0	0	4			
15.	SOLDOTNA-AAMODT NORTH STAR	59		2584	0	45		803	802	600	377	154	152	0	0	2	0	0	0	3			
		0		2290	0	300		803	900	900	306	125	124	0	11	0	0	0	0	11			
TOTALS:		16676		145104	4467	2287		86898	22397	17792	22893	9258	9509	0	1445	1091	721	257	0	340			

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MISC. BENEVOLENCES

NO.	CHURCH & PASTOR	M.O.B.	CHRIST.	SUNDAY	HIGHER ED.	CONF.	ADVANCE	SPECIAL	SALARY SHARING	GRAND TOTALS
1.	ANCHOR PARK-BOWERS	0	13	0	185	0	0	0	0	28865
2.	ANC.-E. ANC.-TINDELL	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	25344
3.	ANC-FIRST, WHITE	0	1	233	0	0	0	0	0	90705
4.	ANC-ST. JOHN, FISON GIRDWOOD, FISON	0	28	0	60	0	0	0	0	14829
5.	ANC.-TRI ANCHOR PARISH JEWEL LAKE-MORRISON TURNAGAIN-WHITEHEAD	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	1177
6.	CHUGIAK-GROVES	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7474
7.	FAIRBANKS-DEVORE	20	13	0	38	0	0	0	0	41730
8.	HOMER PARISH-WISE ANCHOR POINT HOMER NINILCHIK SELDOVIA	550	40	0	206	0	0	0	0	12165
9.	JUN-DOUG PAR-SHAFFER DOUGLAS JUNEAU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74541
10.	KENAI-BARTEL	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
11.	KETCHIKAN-FELLERS	0	25	0	118	0	0	0	0	9322
12.	NOME-HAYS	100	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	25279
13.	SEWARD-LUECK MOOSE PASS-LUECK	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22922
14.	SITKA-HARTMAN	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40582
15.	SOLDOTNA-AAMODT NORTH STAR-AAMODT	62	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11432
TOTALS:		813	177	233	794	250	0	0	0	454360

XIII. PASTORAL RECORDS

- AAMODT, AUGUST** Northwest Texas
Entered Rock River Conference on trial, 1951; D. 1951, Northeast Ohio Conference, E. 1959. EDUCATION: North Dakota State University, B.A. 1951; Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, B.D. 1959; APPOINTMENTS: Humboldt Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois, 1951-54; Minister to Youth, First Methodist Church, Canton, Ohio, 1954-63; Minister to Youth, First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1963-67; Dean of Men and Lecturer in Religion, Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1967-68; Dean of Students and Lecturer in Religion, Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1968-71; Minister to Youth, Polk Street United Methodist Church, Amarillo, Texas, 1971; Missionary to Alaska, Soldotna-North Star, Nov. 1972. WIFE: Marie; CHILDREN: Arne, Peter, Karl.
- BARTEL, BRUCE ALLEN** Wisconsin
Entered the United Methodist ministry in Wis. Conf. (EUB.); On trial, 1965; D. 1969; E. 1970. EDUCATION: Wisconsin State University—Stevens Point, 1966; Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1970; APPOINTMENTS: Milladore, Wis. 1965; Wisconsin Rapids (Assoc.), 1965; Alaska Mission, First—Anchorage (Assoc.), 1970; Kenai-Church of the New Covenant, 1971. WIFE: Kathleen Ann; CHILDREN: Tami.
- BOWERS, ROBERT DALE** Wisconsin
Entered the United Methodist ministry in South Iowa Conf.; On trial, 1958; D. 1959; E. 1961. EDUCATION: Drake University, 1957; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1961; APPOINTMENTS: South Iowa Conf., Victor-Immanuel, 1961; East Wis. Conf., Brookfield, 1964; Alaska Mission, Seward, 1967; Kenai-Church of the New Covenant, 1969; Anchor Park—Anchorage, 1971. WIFE: Beverly; CHILDREN: Stephen, Carolyn, Christine, David.
- CRAMER, MAX WAYNE** Central Pennsylvania
Entered the United Methodist Ministry in the Central Pennsylvania Conference; On trial, 1951; D. 1952; E. 1954; EDUCATION: West Virginia Wesleyan College, B.A., 1951; Wesley Theological Seminary, B.D., 1954; APPOINTMENTS: Claysburg, 1951; McVeytown, 1954-56; Snowshoe, 1956-58; Reedsville, 1959-65; Dubois, Lakeside, 1965-66; Alaska Mission, East Anchorage Girdwood, 1966-70; Clearfield, Pennsylvania, 1970-73; Missionary to Alaska, Seward, 1973; WIFE: Gladys; CHILDREN: Ellen, Robert, Diana, Nancy, Beata.
- DeVORE, HOWARD LEWIS** Iowa
Entered the United Methodist Ministry in Iowa — Des Moines Conf. On trial, 1950; D. 1952; E. 1954; EDUCATION: Centerville Junior College, 1948; Iowa Wesleyan College, 1950; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1954; APPOINTMENTS: Iowa—Des Moines Conf., Mt. Union, 1950; Gravity, 1954; Menlo, 1958; Alaska Mission, Nome, 1962; St. John-Hope, 1966; Fairbanks, 1972; WIFE: Betty Jean; CHILDREN: Joel Stephen, Jon Michael.
- FELLERS, JAMES ROBERT** Kansas
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Central Kansas Conference; On trial 1967; Kansas West Conf., D. 1967; E. 1969; EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1966; Candler School of Theology, 1969; APPOINTMENTS: North Georgia, Belvedere (Associate), 1966; Alaska Mission, North Star, 1969; North Star—Soldotna, 1970; Ketchikan, 1972; WIFE: Faye; CHILDREN: Walter, Jennifer.
- FISON, DAVID KONRAD** Northern Illinois
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Rock River Conf.; On trial, 1954; D. 1954; E. 1956; EDUCATION: William Jewell College, 1952; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Southwest Missouri, Bates City, 1949; Rock River, Malden, 1952; Ingelside, 1954; South Deering, 1956; Alaska Mission, Anchorage—First, 1960; Ketchikan, 1961; Fairbanks, 1966; St. John-Hope-Girdwood-Bayshore West 1972; WIFE: Aleen; CHILDREN: Susan Renee, Deborah Ann, Paul Wesley, Jane Elizabeth, David James.
- GAY, RICHARD RODDA** Western Pennsylvania
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Philadelphia Conf.; On trial, 1944; D. 1944; Pittsburgh Conf., E. 1946; Full Connection, 1947; EDUCATION: Ursinus College, 1942; Drew University School of Theology, 1945; University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School, 1949; APPOINTMENTS: Philadelphia Conf., Evansburg, 1941; St. Johns, 1943; Hulmeville, 1944; Pittsburgh Conf., Pittsburgh First (Assoc.), 1946; Dir. of Rel. Act. and Asst. Prof. of Rel., Ohio Wesleyan U., 1950; Asst. to the Pres., Ohio Wesleyan U., 1954; Warrenburg, Ohio Church, 1956; Alaska Mission, Prof. of Rel. and Philos. and University Chaplain, AMU, 1962; WIFE: Averill; CHILDREN: Judith, Patricia, Sheryl, Richard, Jerilee.
- GILBERT, RICHARD E.** New York
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, New York Conference; On trial, 1964; D. 1964; E. 1966. EDUCATION: Albion College, 1953; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1958. APPOINTMENTS: Director of Christian Education, Children's Village, Detroit, Michigan, 1958; White Plains, New York (Assoc.), 1964; Alaska Mission, Dir., Jesse Lee Home, 1966; Exec. Dir., Alaska Children's Services, 1970. WIFE: Mary; CHILDREN: Marilyn, Mark.

- GROVES, LELAND EUGENE** Oregon
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Oregon Conf., On trial, 1959; D, 1960; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Willamette University, 1957; Chicago Theological Seminary, Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago, 1961. APPOINTMENTS: Sutherlin-Wilbur, 1961; Alaska Mission, Anchorage First, (Assoc.), 1963; Sc., 1966; Fairbanks (Assoc.), Dir. Wesley Foundation, 1967; Chugiak, 1969. WIFE: LaRae; CHILDREN: Jeffry.
- HARTMAN, DONALD LEE** Western Pennsylvania
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Pittsburgh; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1962. EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1956; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Kentucky, Mitchellsburg-Wesley Chapel, 1957; Western Pennsylvania, McKeesport-Christy Park, 1958; Pittsburgh, Emory (Assoc.), 1962; Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry, 1964; Alaska Mission, First-Anchorage (Assoc.), 1966; Anchorage-First (Assoc.) and Girdwood, 1968; Sitka, 1970. WIFE: Alma; CHILDREN: Karl Bradford, Jeannette Lynn, Kurt Brian, Janet Lee.
- MORRISON, RICHARD ALLEN** Michigan
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Mich. Conf.; On trial, 1967; D, 1967; E, 1969; EDUCATION: W-Michigan University, 1965; Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 1969. APPOINTMENTS: Student Intern, Asst. Chaplain, Ohio Wesleyan U., 1969; Jackson-First (Associate), 1969; Benton Harbor-New Hope, 1971; Alaska Mission Conf., Jewel Lake Parish, 1972. WIFE: Dianne; CHILDREN: Stephen Cory.
- NELSON, ROBERT WILLIAM** Southern Calif.-Arizona
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, South. Calif.-Arizona Conf.; On trial, 1962; D, 1962; E, 1965; EDUCATION: El Camino College, 1956; Univ. of Cal.-Los Angeles, 1961; Claremont School of Theology, 1965. APPOINTMENTS: South. Cal.-Ariz. Conf., Cermont Square, Los Angeles, 1962; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1965; Fairbanks-First (Assoc.), Dir. Wesley Foundation, 1969; Dir. United Campus Ministry-Fairbanks, 1970. WIFE: Norma; CHILDREN: Erik Tighe, Lynette Susan.
- SHAFFER, JOHN JAY** Central Illinois
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Cent. Ill. Conf.; On trial, 1960; D, 1960; E, 1962. EDUCATION: Ill. Wesleyan U., 1969; Garrett Theol. Sem., 1962. APPOINTMENTS: Cent. Ill. Conf., Wapella, 1958; Danville, St. James (Assoc.), 1959; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1962; Chugiak, 1965; Juneau, 1969; Juneau-Douglas, 1970. WIFE: Barbara.
- TINDELL, JOHN R.** Florida
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Florida Conf.; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1963. EDUCATION: Florida Southern Coll., 1959; Candler School of Theology, 1963; Student, University of Edinburgh, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Florida Conf. Mirimar, 1961; Alaska Mission, Sitka, 1965; East Anchorage, 1970. WIFE: Beryl; CHILDREN: Raymond Sidney, Cynthia Adair.
- TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGE** Detroit
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Detroit Conf.; On trial, 1965; D, 1965; E, 1969; EDUCATION: Adrian College, 1964; Perkins School of Theology, 1968; APPOINTMENTS: Wesley Foundation, Ohio State University (Assoc.), 1967; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1968; Nome Community Center, Inc., Director, 1970; Nome-Dir. Community Center, 1973. WIFE: Danita; CHILDREN: David William.
- WHITE, BOONE L.** Oregon
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Oregon Conf.; On trial, 1954; D, (Rock River Conf.-Courtesy), 1954; E, 1957. EDUCATION: Baylor U., 1951; Garrett Theological Sem., 1955; Graduate Study, Drew University School of Theol., 1955-56. APPOINTMENTS: Central Methodist Church, Skokie, Ill., (Assoc.), 1953; Port Even - Rifton-Escopus, New York, New York Conf., 1955; Oregon Conf., Salem-Morningside (organizing pastor), 1956; LaGrande, Oregon, Idaho Conf. - Dir. Student Work, Eastern Oregon College, 1963; Oregon-Idaho Conf., Oregon City, Oregon, 1968; Alaska Mission Conf., Anchorage-First, 1972. WIFE: Nancy; CHILDREN: Amy Camille, Tracy Kaarin, Ross Boone, Wendy Gretchen, Kristyn Brigit.
- WHITEHEAD, THOMAS M.** Oregon
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Oregon Conf.; On trial, 1956; D, 1956; E, 1958; EDUCATION: Willamette University, 1955; Pacific Sch. of Rel., 1958; APPOINTMENTS: Bay City-Garribaldi, 1958; Milwaukie-St. Paul's, 1962; Alaska Mission, Turnagain-Anchorage, 1970. WIFE: Beverly; CHILDREN: Kathleen Teresa, Donald Mark, Daniel Lee.
- WISCHMEIER, AC CHESTER** Pacific Northwest
Entered the United Methodist Ministry, North Indiana Conf.; On trial, 1938; D, 1938; E, 1940; EDUCATION: University of Nebraska, 1933; Boston University School of Theology, 1937; Graduate School, Boston University School of Theology, 1940; APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Northwest Conf., Salmon Creek-East Vancouver, 1941; East Vancouver, 1942; Lewiston, Idaho, 1946; Kennewick, 1949; Seattle-Haller Lake, 1953; Supt., Walla Walla Dist., 1959; Supt. Tacoma Dist., 1961; Yakima-First, 1965; Bellingham Garden Street, 1967; Alaska Mission Superintendent, 1969. WIFE: Irene; CHILDREN: Stephen, Suzanna, Donald.

WISE, KEITH B. South New Jersey
 Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Pennsylvania Conf.; (EUB); On trial, 1962; E, 1964. **EDUCATION:** Lebanon Valley College, 1961; United Theological Seminary, 1964; **APPOINTMENTS:** Student pastor, Belle Grove, Ohio, 1957; Youth Dir., Santa Clara Christian Ch., 1961; Wisconsin-Loyalton, Pa., 1964; Clarksboro, N. J., 1968; Alaska Missionary Conf., Homer Parish, 1972. **WIFE:** Patricia; **CHILDREN:** Kathleen, Michael, Matthew, Kristin.

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GROVES, MEREDITH A. Oregon
 Entered the United Methodist Ministry, Northwest Kan. Conf.; On trial, 1924; D, 1924; E, 1927; **EDUCATION — APPOINTMENTS:** Sc., 1925; Oregon Conf., Turned, 1927; West Salem, 1928; Cottage Grove, 1931; Portland-Beech St., 1935; Seaside, 1941; Medford, 1947; Roseburg, 1952; Supt. Eugene Dist., 1953; Exec. Sec., Coordinating Council, 1959; Supt. Alaska Mission, 1964; R. 1969. **WIFE:** Esther; **CHILDREN:** Meredith, Vernon, Eugene.

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